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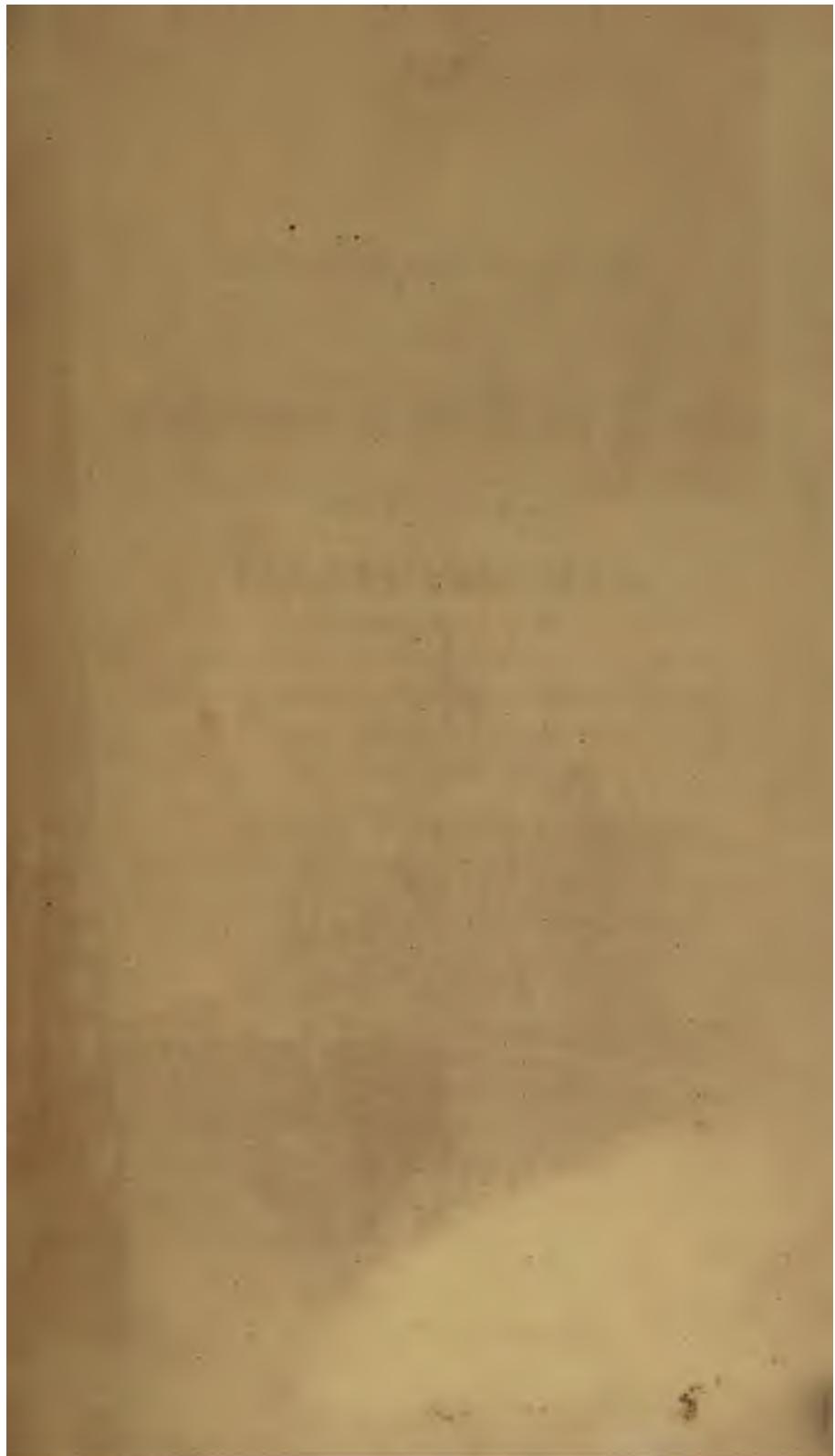
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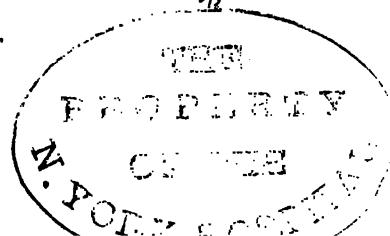
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
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**THE ALMS HOUSE,**  
FOR 1860.

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*President.*

PATRICK G. MOLONEY,

*Secretary.*

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C. GODFREY GUNTHER....	do.	do.	do.
PATRICK G. MOLONEY....	do.	do.	1861
BENJAMIN F. PINCKNEY..	do.	do.	do.
ANTHONY DUGRO .....	do.	do.	1862
WASHINGTON SMITH.....	do.	do.	do.
ISAAC TOWNSEND.....	do.	do.	1863
CHAS. BRUENINGHAUSEN.	do.	do.	do.
WILLIAM T. PINKNEY....	do.	do.	1864
JAMES LYNCH.....	do.	do.	do.



## STANDING COMMITTEES, 1860.

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*Alms House*—Governors SMITH, TOWNSEND, BRUENINGHAUSEN.

*Bellevue Hospital*—Governors BRUENINGHAUSEN, LYNCH, GUNTHER.

*City Cemetery*—Governors GUNTHER, OLIVER, MOLONEY.

*City Prison*—Governors W. T. PINKNEY, DUGRO, SMITH.

*Colored Home and Colored Orphan Asylum*—Governors DUGRO, OLIVER, TOWNSEND.

*Conference*—Governors OLIVER, LYNCH, SMITH.

*Ferries*—Governors LYNCH, SMITH, DUGRO.

*Island and Small Pox Hospital*—Governors GUNTHER, LYNCH, W. T. PINKNEY.

*Lunatic Asylum*—Governors W. T. PINKNEY, BRUENINGHAUSEN, MOLONEY.

*Out-Door Poor*—Governors BRUENINGHAUSEN, MOLONEY, GUNTHER.

*Penitentiary*—Governors DUGRO, TOWNSEND, W. T. PINKNEY.

*Randall's Island*—Governors OLIVER, DUGRO, W. T. PINKNEY.

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*Stores*—Governors SMITH, LYNCH, OLIVER.

*Work House*—Governors TOWNSEND, OLIVER, MOLONEY.

*Supplies*—Governors MOLONEY, W. T. PINKNEY, BRUENINGHAUSEN.

*Finance*—Governors LYNCH, OLIVER, GUNTHER.



ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
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OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ALMS HOUSE,  
New-York, December 31st, 1859.

*To the SECRETARY OF STATE of the State of New-York, and  
the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of New-York.*

THE GOVERNORS OF THE ALMS HOUSE HAVE THE HONOR TO  
REPORT—

THAT in the discharge of their duties as custodians of the Charitable and Criminal Institutions of this City and County, during the year now ended, they herewith present and submit the Reports from the heads of the various departments in which are set forth their conditions—the number Admitted, Died, Discharged and Remaining, the employment of the inmates and other subjects, relative to their government, and for the general benefit of all who are placed under their supervision.

Among the various improvements contemplated for the accommodation and protection of the inmates are, the en-

largement of the Lunatic Asylum on Blackwell's Island, and the Idiot House on Randall's Island. The plans for the former, presented by Thomas Little, Esq., Architect, have been adopted, and the erection of the New Wing will be commenced at an early day, and the building completed with the utmost dispatch, in order to provide for the great increase of its unfortunate occupants. At present it is greatly overcrowded, the number being 711, while it does not afford that proper accommodation so essential for the treatment of the insane, for more than one-half of that number, and the annoyances and discomforts resulting from crowding so large a number in a space so inadequate are incalculable, and the demands for this relief are imperative. In rooms for one patient, with bedstead, another sleeps on the floor; in rooms intended for three, there are five occupants, and not only are other rooms filled at night, but also the corridors, the patients being placed side by side in beds on the floors. In other institutions there are seasons of the year when the numbers diminish, but in a public Lunatic Asylum they must ever continue to increase; and should an epidemic occur, there is no separate place in the entire building for general hospital purposes, and the unaffected, sick, and dying, would breathe the same atmosphere. For these reasons further accommodations are deemed of the greatest necessity.

The enlargement of the Idiot Hospital is deemed of

great advantage to its peculiar class of inmates, in order to afford proper opportunities for their mental advancement, and it is to be hoped, that by proper management, which it is proposed to institute, that some improvement of their faculties may be obtained, and their forlorn condition greatly ameliorated.

The completion of the Nursery Hospital on Randall's Island, has afforded great benefit for the proper medical treatment of the Children on that Island, and the New Hospital on Blackwell's Island is steadily advancing, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupation during the year 1860. The west wing of the Penitentiary is finished, and affords accommodation for the increased number of inmates.

The general condition of the several institutions under the charge of the Governors, and the administrations of their affairs by the several heads, meets with approval ; the inmates are well cared for, suitable provision being made for them in health and sickness.

The transcript from the Books, showing the financial condition of the Department, with the receipts and disbursements on the several accounts, are herewith submitted, also the following comparative statement of the number in the several institutions on the last Saturday of 1857, 1858, 1859.

	<b>1857.</b>	<b>1858.</b>	<b>1859.</b>
Bellevue Hospital.....	857	826	1033
Lunatic Asylum.....	627	658	711
Alms House.....	1562	1701	1770
Penitentiary.....	715	765	762
Island Hospital from Penitentiary..	1	0	0
"                Work House..	394	320	310
"                Alms House..	46	79	121
Work House.....	1251	903	1082
Small Pox Hospital.....	22	7	16
Randall's Island.....	1073	1103	886
"                Hospital .....	289	242	256
City Prison.....	403	450	313
Second District Prison.....	12	9	7
Third .“       “ .....	20	17	16
Fourth “       “ .....	0	0	1
Colored Home.....	242	332	301
Colored Orphan Asylum.....	180	180	180
Children at Nurse.....	204	209	193
City Cemetery.....	21	12	24
	<hr/> 7919	<hr/> 7813	<hr/> 7982

ANTHONY DUGRO,

PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM T. PINKNEY,

*Secretary.*

## BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1859.

Cash . . . . .	\$78,668 59	
Comptroller . . . . .		\$737,295 47
Alms House . . . . .	56,080 91	
" Building Repairs . . . . .		4,395 23
Bake House . . . . .	60 34	
Bellevue Hospital . . . . .	89,528 73	
City Cemetery . . . . .	3,280 73	
City Prison . . . . .	29,609 79	
Colored Home . . . . .	12,457 74	
" Orphan Asylum . . . . .	5,631 41	
Ferry . . . . .	5,169 55	
Foundling Hospital . . . . .		1,000 00
Lunatic Asylum . . . . .	49,614 98	
" Extension . . . . .		28,702 00
Nursery R. I . . . . .	49,787 60	
Nursery Hospital . . . . .	20,148 56	
" " Enlargement . . . . .		1,366 82
Office . . . . .	21,006 40	
Out Door Poor . . . . .	114,045 33	
Penitentiary . . . . .	82,006 83	
" New Wing . . . . .	27,817 88	
Island Hospital . . . . .	31,175 84	
" " New Building . . . . .	74,580 50	
Second District Prison . . . . .	2,669 09	
Third " " . . . . .	1,528 11	
Fourth " " . . . . .	1,671 51	
Randall's Island . . . . .	24,088 40	
" " Boat House . . . . .	126 99	
" " Ice House . . . . .		250 00
" Verandah to Hospital . . . . .		1,000 00
Small Pox Hospital . . . . .	3,349 59	
Work House . . . . .	40,564 60	
Store House, Blackwell's Island . . . . .	7,238 07	
" " Randall's Island . . . . .		1,879 04
Store House Dock, B. I . . . . .		20 00
	\$775,908 06	\$775,908 06

## CASH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

*From 1st of January to 31st December, 1859.*

To balance of cash, 1st January, 1859.....	\$72,295 47
" Rec'd from the Comptroller's warrants for general purposes of Alms House.	645,000 00
" " for Island Hospital and building.....	50,000 00
" " Penitentiary, New Wing.....	15,000 00
" " Nursery Hospital extension.....	10,000 00
" " Alms House Buildings, repairs.....	6,600 00
" " Store House Dock, on B. I.....	1,000 00
" " Verandah to Nursery Hospital, R. I., repairs.....	1,000 00
" " Boat House, R. I., repairs.....	500 00
" " Ice House, " "	250 00
" " Lunatic Hospital, B. I., extension.....	30,000 00
" " Foundling Hospital.....	1,000 00
" " Board of Patients.....	\$1,334 27
" " Support of Illegitimate Children.....	2,624 23
" " Indenture Fees.....	139 00
" " Internments.....	143 00
" " Barrels, Casks and Boxes.....	2,504 33
" " Live Stock.....	1,907 88
" " Bones and Grease.....	1,237 47
" " Fines at Prisons, and Board, and Labor at Work House.....	9,757 80
By payments for sundries in Jan., 1859.	19,647 98
" " " " Feb., "	\$60,007 14
" " " " March, "	57,811 53
" " " " April, "	86,405 94
" " " " May "	50,834 90
" " " " June "	61,764 51
" " " " July "	57,510 83
" " " " August,	73,943 14
" " " " Sept., "	68,912 76
" " " " Oct., "	83,170 63
" " " " Nov., "	63,288 75
" " " " Dec., "	57,983 48
" balance in Bank, 31st Dec., 1859.....	71,911 26
	\$793,524 87
	78,668 58
	\$872,193 45
	\$872,193 45

## EXPENDITURES

OF THE ALMS HOUSE DEPARTMENT, AS CHARGED TO THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1859.

Alms House .....	\$57,446 66
" " Building Repairs....	2,104 77
Bake House .....	60 34
Bellevue Hospital.....	84,235 30
City Cemetery .....	8,423 73
City Prison.....	38,422 35
Colored Home .....	12,457 74
" Orphan Asylum.....	5,631 41
Ferry, B. I.....	5,169 55
Lunatic Asylum.....	50,318 38
" Extension.....	1,298 00
Nursery, R. I.....	49,790 13
" Hospital.....	20,160 46
" " Enlargement...	8,633 68
Office.....	28,166 40
Out-Door Poor... .....	116,819 64
Penitentiary .....	38,290 04
" New Wing.... .	42,817 88
Island Hospital.....	31,253 14
" " New Building .....	124,580 50
2d District Prison.....	2,884 09
3d " "	2,038 81
4th " "	1,719 51
Randall's Island.....	24,431 35
" Boat House.....	626 99
Small Pox Hospital.....	3,579 02
Workhouse.....	42,242 72
Storehouse, B. I.....	9,942 50
" New Dock.....	980 00
" R. I. ....	 <hr/>
Deduct.....	\$794,525 09
	1,000 22
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	\$793,524 87

**EXPENDITURES—Continued.**

Total amount of payments, including sundry materials, and convict and pauper labor on buildings, credited to the Institutions.....	\$793,524 87
Deduct the amount charged for Buildings.....	181,041 82
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	\$612,483 05
Deduct the amount for Cash Receipts credited the several Institutions.....	19,647 98
	<hr/>
	\$592,835 07
Net amount paid for the support of the Institutions for 1859, the estimated expenditure for 1859, being \$665,420 77.	

## DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1859.

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Barley .....		
Beans.....	\$607	06
Beef, fresh .....	\$50,673	60
" salt .....	7,797	00
	—————	
	58,470	60
Boats, Repairs and Oars.....	\$720	80
Dock on B. I.....	980	00
	—————	
	1,700	80
Bread, extra, for Sick Children, Randall's Island..	1,366	22
Brooms and Brushes.....	1,727	51

### BUILDINGS—

Island Hospital, New Building....	\$74,073	83
Penitentiary, New Wing.....	29,077	86
Nursery Hospital Extension .....	8,633	68
Lunatic Asylum.....	75	00
Boat House, at Randall's Island,		
Repairs.....	111	75
Alms House Buildings, Repairs...	0	00
	—————	
	111,972	12

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<b>Buildings, Repairs, Incidental .....</b>	<b>7,025 01</b>
Butter .....	5,604 10
Candles .....	70 09
Cartage of Fuel to Out-Door Poor.....	7,147 12
Charcoal .....	444 00
Cheese.....	74 21
Children at Nurse in the City .....	11,451 88
"      Stray      " .....	180 25
Cleaning Offices, Repairs and Expenses.....	391 80
Coal for the Institutions.....	\$21,604 56
"      Out-Door Poor.....	37,746 03
	—
	5,9350 59
Coffee, Cocoa and Rye .....	2,986 60
Colored Paupers' support at Colored Home.....	12,457 74
"      Children      "      Orphan Asylum....	5,631 41
Combs .....	574 21
Crackers .....	1,483 04
Crockery, Glass, Stone and Earthenware.....	1,875 07
Croton Water Expenses .....	1,982 77
Donations to Out-Door Poor.....	28,646 04
Drugs and Medicines.....	11,414 36
Dry Goods and India Rubber.....	88,873 68
Eggs.....	1,128 80
Farming Implements.....	73 81
Feeding Paupers and Prisoners.....	28 39
Fish, Fresh and Salt .....	1,796 66
Flour.....	66,842 16
Furniture.....	2,306 77

Garden Seeds .....	203 59
Gaslight and Fixtures .....	3,276 03
Groceries, small.....	597 13
Hardware, Copper, Iron, Steel, Tin, Zinc, Nails.	8,698 02
Hats and Caps.....	429 67
Hay, Grain, Feed and Straw.....	6,364 54
Hire extra, Rent of Coal Yards, House, Stable, &c.....	9,660 19
Ice .....	2,182 69
Lard.....	239 78
Leather and Findings .....	12,467 01
Lime .....	425 93
Live Stock.....	1,009 00
Lumber .....	5,462 51
Malt and Hops.....	124 60
Manure and Freight .....	2,149 05
Marketing for Hospitals.....	993 10
Mason Work and Materials.....	19,575 95
Meal .....	3,544 93
Medical Attendance for Lunatics.....	342 50
Milk.....	16,746 72
Miscellaneous .....	2,349 05
Molasses.....	6,877 49
Mutton.....	7,564 63
Oil, Camphene, Lamp and Wick.....	4,571 60
Onions .....	10 00
Paints, Oil and Glass.....	2,587 26
Plumbing and Pumps .....	1,556 33

Pork, Salt.....	2,042 54
Portage .....	211 31
Potatoes.....	2,593 33
Powder and Safety Fuse.....	1,643 76
Refreshments for Official and other Visitors.....	10,701 90
Rice .....	8,082 37
Rope and Twine, &c.....	1,203 13
Salaries .....	151,118 28
Salt .....	620 90
Sand, white.....	270 54
Shoes .....	508 59
Soap .....	6,703 23
Spices .....	265 10
Starch .....	330 39
Stationery and Printing, &c.....	6,393 32
Steamboat Towing Barges, &c.....	4,849 50
Stoves, Fixtures and Ranges .....	2,259 30
Subscriptions to Newspapers and Advertising....	131 99
Sugar.....	6,950 15
Surgical Instruments .....	554 38
Sweeping Chimneys .....	27 10
Tea.....	5,837 80
Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron Ware.....	181 59
Tobacco and Snuff.....	1,427 11
Transportation of Paupers.....	2,460 93
"      " Prisoners.....	1,850 00
Vehicles and Repairs, Farriery and Harness....	1444 09
Vinegar.....	529 10

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<b>Wages of Mechanics.....</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Wine, Alcohol, Ale, Beer, for Hospital uses .....</b>	<b>8,518</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Wood.....</b>	<b>3,379</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Wooden Ware.....</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>25</b>
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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$793,524</b>	<b>87</b>



## ALMS HOUSE.

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*To the Board of Governors of the Alms House of the City of New-York:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Warden of the Alms House most respectfully presents to your Honorable Board the Annual Report of this Institution, for the year 1859.

The whole number admitted from January 1st to December 31st, 1859, inclusive, was 3,731, of which number there were

Natives.....	718
From Ireland.....	2438
" England.....	156
" Scotland .....	74
" Germany .....	252
" France .....	29
" Canada.....	10
" other countries unknown.....	54
Total.....	<hr/> 3731

The whole number admitted in the year 1858, was 3,890, showing a decrease of 159 in the last year.

Annexed you will please find the statistical statements, A, of the Admissions, Discharges and Deaths; B, a Classification Table of the different ages of the Adult Inmates, when admitted, and also of the Infants, giving their ages, when received from the Lying-in Hospital, at Bellevue, and from the City; C, of Nativities of those admitted.

There are at present remaining in the Alms House 1,770, of which number there are—

Males .....	917
Females .....	853
	—
Total.....	1,770
Natives.....	293
Foreigners.....	1,477
	—
Total.....	1,770

Of this number were committed to Alms House—

Married women	44	children	14	Total,	58
Widows	59	"	11	"	70
Single	"	9	"	"	9
Men	9				
	—	—	—	—	—
Total.....	9	112		25	146

## Received from other Institutions :

	MEN.	WOMEN.	CHILD'N	TOTAL.
From Bellevue Hospital . . .	67	58	8	133
" Ward's Island.....	12	14	1	27
" Island Hospital .....	5	18	6	29
" Lunatic Asylum.....	22	16	1	39
" Randall's Island.....	1	4		5
" Work House.....	16	8	1	25
" Small Pox Hospital..		1	1	2
" House of Refuge.....	1	1		2
	124	120	18	262

The following is a comparative Statement of Admissions during the last 10 years :

	NATIVES	FOREIGNERS	TOTAL.
There was admitted in 1850.	614	1741	2355
"      "    1851.	642	2141	2783
"      "    1852.	618	2006	2624
"      "    1853.	535	1663	2198
"      "    1854.	737	2244	2981
"      "    1855.	773	2323	3096
"      "    1856.	723	2636	3359
"      "    1857.	875	3329	4204
"      "    1858.	794	3096	3890
"      "    1859.	718	3013	3731



*The accompanying is a Classification Table of the different ages of the Adult Inmates when admitted; and also one for Infants, giving their ages when received from the Lying-in Hospital, Bellevue, and from the City.*

ADULTS.	MALE.	FEMALE.	INFANTS.			MALE.	FEMALE.
			Between 4 days & 2 mos.	2 mos. & 4 "	4 " & 12 "		
Between 15 & 20 years.	20	38				38	35
" 20 & 30 "	245	374	" 2 mos.	4 "		26	21
" 30 & 40 "	343	414	" 4 "	8 "	& 12 "	16	28
" 40 & 50 "	368	282	" 8 "			21	26
" 50 & 60 "	401	198	" 12 "	& 18 "		36	28
" 60 & 70 "	283	192	" 18 "	& 2 years.		22	10
" 70 & 80 "	116	66	" 2 yrs.	& 5 "		5	17
" 80 & 90 "	16	27	" 5 "	& 10 "		2	4
" 90 & 100 "	4	3	" 10 "	& 15 "		35	—
	1802	1594				166	169
Infants received in 1859 . . . . .						335	
" " 1858 . . . . .						422	
Decrease in 1859 . . . . .						87	

## NATIVITIES OF THOSE ADMITTED.—1859.

NAME OF COUNTRY.	MEN.	WOMEN.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
United States.....	226	157	166	169	718
Ireland.....	1,150	1,288	..	..	2,438
Germany .....	194	58	..	..	252
England.....	114	42	..	..	156
Scotland.....	45	29	..	..	74
France .....	26	3	..	..	29
Canada .....	5	5	..	..	10
Wales.....	..	..	..	..	..
Other Countries....	..	..	..	..	..
Unknown.....	42	12	..	..	54
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>3,731</b>

The present Buildings are by no means adequate to the large number of Inmates, which is increasing every year, as will be seen from the foregoing comparative statement.

There are two Buildings, one for Males, the other for Females. The Male Department has, besides the large Dining Room, 28 Wards, in each of them can be placed not over 26 bedsteads, so that the whole can accommodate 728 persons, but the present number being 917, the rest of them are obliged to sleep on the floor. The Female Building being of the same size, will give accommodation for the same number; but there being no dining-room, the females have to take their meals in the wards; a common dining-room for this Department, would greatly add to the comfort and cleanliness, and at the same time prevent waste of food and provisions.

In order to explain more fully the present want in regard to Buildings, I give a general description of the character of the Inmates of the Alms House Department. They may be classified as follows :

1. Women with infants, some of them very respectable, and most of them married, whose husbands have either abandoned them, or are, through sickness, misfortune, or unwillingness to work, not able to support them and their children. These women are generally very useful, doing

nearly all the washing and scrubbing, and are entitled to be well taken care of.

2. Elderly women, widows as well as spinsters, having no relatives to provide for them; these, on account of old age or crippled condition, are unable to do hard work; they are generally employed by sewing or knitting, or act as nurses or helpers in the different wards.

3. A small number of women, who are committed by their husbands or relatives to prevent them from indulging in spirituous liquors, to which habit they are addicted. Most of them are industrious, and behave well whilst here, only a few being troublesome and of a quarrelsome disposition, caused by their old habits, and have to be reprimanded frequently.

4. There are a great number of insane, idiotic, and epileptic women, who require close watching and a great deal of attendance to prevent them from receiving bodily injury.

The men I can classify as follows:

1. Those who are, through old age or a crippled condition, unable to support themselves.

2. Those addicted to the use of spirituous liquors, as from the above cause they are unable to obtain employment; they generally do well whilst here.

3. A great number of young and middle aged men come pretty regularly every winter, as they cannot obtain work during that period, but can earn their living in summer; these men are very usefully employed on the Island.

4. Insane, idiotic, and epileptic men, who, though not so numerous as the women, require as careful watching. As a corroboration of this, I give below the opinion of Doctor M. H. Ranney, Resident Physician of the Lunatic Asylum, expressed in a letter addressed to me after a conversation on that subject. The following is a copy of said letter.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

New-York, June 23d, 1859.

C. P. DEGRECK, Esq., *Warden of Alms House*:

DEAR SIR,—I highly approve of your suggestion of placing the insane of your Department in separate wards, and of engaging paid nurses to take care of them. I feel a more lively interest in the matter, from the fact that it would benefit this Institution as well as your own. The crowded condition of the Asylum is dreadful to contemplate, and that murder is not of nightly occurrence, seems more the result of Providential interference, than of any care on our part. Common humanity demands that our numbers should be diminished, as every patient suffers

from being one of this promiscuous multitude. By having your insane scattered through the building, the quietness of every ward is disturbed, while to have them brought together, the cause of excitement will be much less, and they will remain much more quiet, so that many might be retained with you, safely, who are now, of necessity, sent to the Asylum.

Aside from the increased comforts, the saving in the way of clothing, provisions, &c., will more than pay the additional expense of hiring a few attendants. If the Governors would consent to make the trial in two wards, I feel certain they would never regret the action. Selecting a lower floor and partially securing the windows with wooden slats, would remove many dangers of accidents that now exist.

Respectfully,

Signed,

MOSES H. RANNEY,

*Resident Physician.*

To this I wish to add, that on my request, Dr. Wm. W. Sanger, the Resident Physician of Blackwell's Island, sent me a list of persons now in the Alms House, insane, idiotic, and epileptic, numbering 181, viz., 132 females and 49 males, all of whom need the most careful watching and attendance.

The enlargement of the present Buildings has been repeatedly suggested by my predecessors during the past years. In order to carry this out, I would suggest, that the present four towers on the south side of both Buildings, which were originally built for water-closets, but now only serve for stairs, be taken down, the materials of which will nearly suffice to build a wing to each Department, to meet the want at present, and most probably for several years to come. Thus it can be effected, that those who need close and permanent watching are kept separate from the rest; the stairs now in the towers could be placed outside of the main Buildings, under the piazzas, as it is at Bellevue Hospital. Such an alteration would greatly improve the ventilation in the main Buildings. As I have communicated to your Honorable Board, one tower on the female Building is in such a condition, that it has to be taken down, and I cannot but repeat my suggestion, that this gives an opportunity to build a wing at comparative small expense.

On the 16th of May last, I entered upon the duties as Warden of this Department. After a short time my attention was called to several cases of scurvy and diarrhoea, and after a consultation with the Resident Physician, we were satisfied that the cause of the above diseases was in the then customary diet, consisting of rice and molasses for three days of the week. Since the alteration, which,

with the approval of your Honorable Board, I made in the former diet, the above cases entirely disappeared, and the sanitary condition of the entire Department was, from that time, remarkably good. The mortality during the past year has been, in comparison with the previous, much less, which may be partly attributed to the change of diet. By nearly the same number of admissions, there were

In 1858.....	393 deaths,
" 1859.....	284 "

Showing a decrease of..... 109 "

Of this number of 284 in the past year, 38 persons died here within a week after admission, most of them having come up already in a dying condition.

The Female Department has been successfully managed under the supervision of the Matron, Mrs. Heaton, and Assistant Matron, Mrs. Flynn. An annexed table shows the number of garments cut and made by the female inmates during the past year. I cannot but fully appreciate the valuable services of Mrs. Flynn, the Assistant Matron, who had immediate charge of the sewing room, but who, on account of her health, resigned her position on the first of December last. In her place, Mrs. Ann M. Purdy, the former helper, has been appointed, from whose competency and zeal the best result can be expected.

Mr. Thomas B. Tappan resigned his position as Clerk and Storekeeper of this Department, on the 10th of August. In his place, Mr. Thomas J. Marshall was appointed by your Honorable Board, who had already formerly filled this office for several years. His experience and full knowledge of the complicated labor connected with this office, renders his services the more valuable.

The Engineer Department is in good condition. The Buildings and roads are kept in good repair and order; for this as well as for the improvements made during the past year, the present Engineer, Mr. Elijah T. Simpson, deserves much credit. His long experience in the Department, and the great interest he takes in the welfare of the Institution, cannot be too highly appreciated.

The garden, under the charge of Mr. Henry Zeh, has been considerably improved during the past year. Mr. Zeh is not only an experienced gardener, but deserves much credit for the manner in which he controls the inmates, finding out their several qualities, and employing them accordingly, and is also very obliging, giving his assistance whenever he can, even if not immediately connected with his garden department.

The former Register Clerk, Michael N. Shea, resigned his position on the 8th of December last, returning to his

native country. This place is still vacant, but I hope very soon to find a suitable person for it.

#### **IMPROVEMENTS.**

Since I had the honor to be trusted with the care of this Department, the following improvements have been made:

1. The sidewalks under the piazzas of the male Building have been laid with bricks, which adds greatly to comfort and cleanliness.
2. The large cove on the east side near the barn, has been filled up, and a large sea-wall built. By this the garden has gained almost three-quarters of an acre of ground, which will be put into cultivation next spring.
3. The west side has long required protection, by a proper sea-wall. I have, therefore, cheerfully yielded to the request of the Warden of the Penitentiary to open a quarry there, so as to enable me to have the wall and embankment completed. The result was beyond expectation, as that quarry yielded the best and largest flagging stones ever found on the Island, which may be valued at least from four to five thousand dollars; this stone is used on the Penitentiary grounds, at the new wing of the Penitentiary, and at the new Hospital, besides building the sea-wall itself.

4. The large rocky piece of ground near the bake-house has been partially blasted, and will be completed in a few weeks, and the place filled up and levelled for cultivation next spring. At my request, the Warden of the Penitentiary kindly consented to have the blasting done by the inmates of his Department.

The above improvements, under the special superintendence of the Engineer, have been made by the inmates of this Department. Others were employed in the cultivation of the garden and about the Buildings, according to their abilities, and have generally discharged the duties enjoined upon them willingly, however little available labor can at any time be expected from them.

For the details of the produce, the property on hand, the goods manufactured, the provisions consumed, and also the list of Officers and salaried employees, I would respectfully refer you to the Reports of the Chief Clerk, Mr. Marshall, and Engineer, Mr. Simpson, and the statements annexed.

In closing my Report, gentlemen, allow me to express my obligations to your Honorable Board, for your promptness in attending to the wants of this Department. Also to the officers and employees of the Institution, for their

kindness and efforts in promoting the welfare of those under my charge.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. DEGRECK,

*Warden.*

*Alms House, Blackwell's Island.*

*January 1st, 1860.*

## ACCOUNT

*and other articles manufactured in the Department during the year ending December 1859.*

Hats.....	240
".....	287
Jackets.....	201
".....	555
Shirts.....	2580
".....	240
".....	28
".....	84
Socks.....	1056
".....	264
Vests.....	1080
".....	48
".....	564
Gloves.....	1902
".....	334
Aprons.....	402
".....	348
".....	84
".....	253
".....	36

Infant's Frocks.....	156
Petticoats.....	120
Bed Ticks.....	652
Pillow “ .....	156
“ Cases.....	608
Sheets.....	1831
Spreads.....	329
Flannel Shirts for R. I.....	300
Frocks for R. I.....	612
Shrouds .....	288
Handkerchiefs .....	96
Tick Shirts.....	100
Mittens .....	129

## TIN SHOP.

Chamber Pails.....	13
Tin Cups.....	350
Small Sauce Pans.....	1
Large Tin Box.....	1
Sauce Pans.....	53
Dust Pans.....	24
Coffee Pots, (2 large ones).....	6
Tin Boilers, (2 large ones).....	5
Large Kettles for R. Island.....	6
Copper Boiler.....	1
Tin Chambers.....	12

Sheet Iron Boilers .....	2
Tin Plates.....	12
Cake Pans.....	10
Cullenders.....	3
Tin Cups, (large).....	2
Gallon Measures.....	6
Quart Measures.....	6
Large square Staples, (Bl'ksmith's Shop)...	9
Mess Pans.....	410
Strainer.....	1
Tin Knife Boxes.....	2
Hand-lamps.....	12
Tin Funnels, (6 large ones).....	30
Dish Pans.....	12
Pails .....	2
Lamp Feeders.....	12
Kettles .....	12
Tea Kettles.....	1
Pails, (2 quart).....	12
Tin Dippers.....	2

## ACCOUNT

*Of Provisions used and consumed in the Alms House,  
during the year ending December 31st, 1859.*

Bread 223,184 loaves, @ 3 lbs...	669,552	lbs.
Crackers .....	7,771½	"
Indian Meal and Flour.....	4½	"
Oat Meal.....	469¾	"
Rice .....	33,120	"
Tea .....	5,061¼	"
Coffee .....	11,457½	"
Sugar .....	9,452¾	"
Salt Beef.....	37,465	"
Fresh Beef.....	178,285¾	"
Butter .....	3,176	"
Hard Soap.....	13,964	"
Pepper .....	348⅔	"
Starch .....	339⁹/₁₆	"
Mustard .....	91¼	"
Tobacco .....	1,185	"
Fish .....	1,756	"
Molasses .....	29,697½	quarts.
Milk.....	38,771	"
Lamp Oil.....	1,952	"
Vinegar .....	3,970	"

Beans.....	1,750	quarts.
Soft Soap.....	724	brls.
Vegetables .....	7,929	pecks.
Potatoes .....	2,331	"
Heads Cabbage.....	7,802	
Eggs .....	5,074	

## L I S T

*Of Officers and Employees in the Alms House Department during the year ending 31st of December, 1859.*

NAMES.	STATION.	YEARLY SALARY.	REMARKS.
Charles P. Degreck .....	Warden .....	\$1750	
Thomas J. Marshall .....	Clerk .....	1250	
	Reg. Clerk .....	375	
Elijah T. Simpson .....	Engineer .....	700	
Hugh T. Brady .....	Chaplain .....	600	
Henry Zeh .....	Gardener .....	500	
Eliza Heaton .....	Matron .....	400	
Ann M. Purdy .....	Asst. Matron .....	850	
Cordelia Gregg .....	Helper .....	125	
Ann Williams .....	Nurse .....	72	
Jacob Vincent .....	Coxwain Dead-boat .....	240	
Osgood W. Gould .....	Runner .....	96	

*The following Statement shows the quantity of Hay and Vegetables raised on the Alms House grounds during the year 1859 :*

Potatoes .....	685 bushels.
Carrots.....	251 "
Turnips .....	450 "
Parsnips .....	200 "
Beets.....	210 "
Tomatoes .....	350 "
Onions .....	200 "
Shallots .....	147 "
Parsley.....	60 "
Radishes .....	10 "
Lettuce .....	80 "
Cucumbers.....	12 "
Peas .....	52 "
Bush Beans.....	21 "
Lima " .....	30 "
Spinach .....	110 "
Leeks .....	70 "
Cabbages .....	10,000 heads.
Squash.....	320 ps.
Melons .....	305 "

Asparagus .....	200 bundles.
Corn.....	2,500 ears.
Egg Plants .....	110 ps.
Cauliflowers .....	60 "
Celery .....	4,500 heads.
Hay .....	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton.

## BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

MEDICAL OFFICERS, JANUARY, 1ST, 1860.

<i>Consulting Physicians.</i>	<i>Consulting Surgeons.</i>
John W. Francis, M.D. <i>Pres't of the Board.</i>	Valentine Mott, M.D.
Isaac Wood, M.D.	Alexander H. Stevens, M.D.
<i>Visiting Physicians.</i>	<i>Visiting Surgeons.</i>
Alonzo Clark, M.D.	James R. Wood, M.D.
Benj. W. McCready, M.D.	Lewis A. Sayre, M.D.
Isaac E. Taylor, M.D.	John J. Crane, M.D.
George T. Elliot, M.D.	Stephen Smith, M.D.
B. Fordyce Barker, M.D.	Willard Parker, M.D.
Alfred L. Loomis, M.D.	Alexander B. Mott, M.D.
John W. Green, M.D.	Carl Theo. Meier, M.D.
Theodore G. Thomas, M.D.	John W. S. Gouley, M.D.
	William H. Church, M.D.

### HOUSE STAFF.

<i>House Physicians.</i>	<i>House Surgeons.</i>
William H. Elliott, M.D.	Frank Hawthorn, M.D.
Henry Draper, M.D.	John A. Graham, M.D.
David Little, M.D.	Charles E. Goddard, M.D.
T. S. Grimke, M.D.	

<i>Assistant Physicians.</i>	<i>Assistant Surgeons.</i>
Edward B. Barrett, M.D.	J. W. Hunt, M.D.
James Parish, M.D.	Frederick Bedford, M.D.
Alex. Hadden, M.D.	Eugene Peugnet, M.D.
John Howe, Jr., M.D.	

*Apothecary*—John Frey.

## BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

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*December 30th, 1859.*

THE Medical Board of Bellevue Hospital respectfully submit to the Board of Governors of the Alms House their Report for the year 1859:

Number of patients remaining January 1st, 1859..	853
Admitted from January 1st to December 31st, inclusive .....	8,801
Born.....	388
Total.....	<hr/> 10,042
Number of patients discharged from January 1st to December 31st, inclusive.....	8,067
Died.....	942
Total.....	<hr/> 9,009
Remaining December 31st, 1859.....	1,033

### LYING-IN DEPARTMENT.

Number of births.....	388
Stillborn .....	38
Per cent. of still births.....	9 <sup>17</sup> <sub>97</sub>
Deaths from puerperal fever.....	26

The gradual annual increase of patients which called for an enlargement of the building several years since for their proper accommodation, again demands your consideration, for the admissions will soon equal the greatest capacity of the hospital. Two methods suggest themselves by which to meet this prospective necessity of enlarged accommodations. The first is the farther extension and enlargement of the buildings, by the addition to the south wing, on the water side.

This object cannot be accomplished without, in our opinion, seriously impairing the hygienic condition of the hospital grounds, by the exclusion of air and light; and it is a question, if there is not already congregated within the hospital enclosure as many persons as can be accommodated, with due regard to health and comfort. The second method is the exclusion from the hospital of the consumptives, a class of incurables who demand for their proper treatment special arrangements, which cannot readily be provided in a general hospital. This class of patients comprise, at all times, a large per centage of the inmates of Bellevue, and swell the annual mortality nearly fifty per cent. Experience in other countries has proved that in special hospitals adapted to their wants, it is possible not only to prolong the lives, and greatly mitigate the sufferings of the consumptive, but even to restore many to comparative health. Pure and uncontaminated air,

absence of depressing influences, properly regulated regimen, and means for active exercise, are essential to the treatment of consumptives; to confine them, therefore, to the wards of a general hospital with its foul air, its various diseases, its stinted dietary and limited grounds, is to doom them to certain death.

For these considerations, too briefly stated, the Medical Board would suggest to the Board of Governors the propriety of establishing, at some suitable locality within their jurisdiction, a hospital which shall be known as the Consumption Hospital of the Alms House, to which this large and increasing class of sick poor shall be assigned.

The causes of death will be found appended to this Report, properly classified.

From the summary above given, it appears that there has been a large increase of patients during the past year, and it is anticipated that the hospital will be crowded to its utmost capacity during the present winter. The diseases with which those applying for relief have been afflicted, have as heretofore belonged principally to this chronic or incurable class, but there has also been received a larger proportion of severe accidents than in any preceding year.

It will be seen, that of the 942 deaths, 378 were attri-

butable to consumption, and 101 to diseases or accidents, which required inquests.

The heating apparatus still fails to supply the wards in the extreme ends of the building with a proper degree of heat during the cold days of winter. They are thus rendered, at certain times, unfit for the residence of the patients assigned to them.

The water-closets throughout the entire building are in a condition most dangerous to those patients who have been obliged to resort to them during the cold weather. The failure to supply a coil of steam pipe to the ventilating shaft, as originally designed, by which the air would be properly warmed on its first admission, and the absence of all heat from other sources, has allowed a current of cold air direct from the exterior to ascend through those rooms, which has reduced their temperature much of the time this winter below the freezing point. We would urge the immediate attention of your Board to this defect in these otherwise well arranged ventilating tubes, as the health and comfort of the patients are seriously compromised by it, and the remedy can be easily applied.

The general condition of the hospital as regards the measures for promoting the comfort and welfare of its inmates is, with the exception above brought to your

attention, in the highest degree satisfactory. The orderlies and nurses are, as a class, deserving of commendation for their intelligence, assiduous attention to the sick, and regard to the cleanliness of their respective wards.

The resident staff of Physicians and Surgeons is composed of young medical men, who combine in the highest degree the qualifications requisite for the discharge of the responsible duties pertaining to their several stations. The selection of these officers by first advertising the existence of vacancies in the resident staff, and then allowing a free competition of candidates before an Examining Committee, has secured to the hospital the best talent in the medical schools. No hospital has greater cause to boast of its graduates than Bellevue; many have rapidly risen to distinguished and influential positions in the communities in which they have located, and none have failed of an honorable success in their profession.

The hospital continues to be a favorite resort for students of medicine, and at present the number in daily attendance upon clinical instruction is larger than at any former period.

It is gratifying to the Medical Board to acknowledge the interest which your Board has manifested in the effort to make this hospital subservient to the great cause of sound and scientific medical instruction.

And we may confidently anticipate, that as from year to year the vast advantages this institution affords for instruction in every department of medicine are gradually developed and made available to the student, these classes will increase, until Bellevue shall become a great centre of Medical Education.

In conclusion, the Medical Board have to commend the conduct of the Warden, Mr. Daly, for his uniform courtesy, and his intelligent zeal in the management of the police regulations of the hospital. Mr. Ebbotts, the Clerk, and Mr. Frey, the Apothecary, have discharged the duties of their respective offices with fidelity.

JOHN W. FRANCIS, M. D.,  
*President of the Medical Board.*

STEPHEN SMITH, M. D., *Secretary.*

## RETURN OF DEATHS FOR 1859.

Albuminuria.....	20	Carcinoma of Cheek .....	1
Arachnitis .....	1	Cardiac Disease.....	28
Apoplexy.....	14	Cystin Cerebellum.....	1
Aneurism, Aórtic.....	3	Cancer of Stomach.....	0
Asthenia.....	7	" " Breast .....	3
Asphyxia.....	3	" " Liver.....	1
Amputation.....	2	Cancer of Uterus.....	4
Accidents .....	17	Coup de Soleil.....	2
Abscesses.....	10	Dysentery.....	9
Asthrites & Bright's Kidney	1	Diarrhoea.....	10
Ascites.....	1	Dropsy.....	2
Bronchitis.....	8	Delirium Tremens.....	17
Bright's Disease.....	84	Debility .....	1
" " of Kidney...	5	Disease of Spinal Cord ...	3
Convulsions.....	8	Encephaloid Neck.....	1
Cyanosis.....	1	Encephalitic .....	1
Cirrhosis.....	18	Erysipelas .....	18
Cerebritis.....	1	Exhaustion.....	4
Congestion of Brain.....	6	Emphysema .....	2
" " Lungs.....	1	Enteritis .....	1
Compression .....	4	Endocarditis.....	1
Capillary Bronchitis.....	2	Fever, Typhus.....	1
Cystitis.....	1	" Typhoid.....	23
Carcinoma of Uteri.....	1	" Puerperal.....	26
" Liver.....	4	" Scarlet .....	2
	3		

Fever Remittent.....	2	Peritonitis.....	4
"    Continued.....	1	Premature .....	1
"    Relapse.....	1	Pneumonia.....	28
Fracture of Skull.....	1	Paraplegia .....	2
"    " Humerus.....	1	Phlebitis .....	1
Fatty Liver .....	7	Pyomia.....	2
Gastritis.....	4	Pleurisy with Effusion.....	8
Gangrene.....	6	Pleuro Pneumonia .....	1
Gastroenteritis .....	1	Paralysis.... . . . .	4
Hemorrhage.....	5	Phlegmasia Dolens.....	1
Hemiplegia.....	6	Perforation of Intestines...	1
Hydrocephalus.....	4	Pelvic Abscess.....	1
Hydro-Pneumo Thorax....	1	Pyelitis .....	1
Hœmatemesis.....	0	Pericarditis.....	3
Hernia .....	1	Peritonitis .....	7
Hypertrophy of Heart....	4	Phthisis.....	878
Inanition.....	2	Rupture of Uterus.....	1
Injuries.....	11	Syphilis.....	2
Jaundice.....	1	Synovitis.....	2
Myelitis .....	1	Softening of Brain.....	5
Marasmus.....	29	Suicides .....	3
Malignant Pustule.....	1	Struma.....	1
Meningitis .....	37	Trismus.....	1
Nephritis .....	1	Tuberculosis.....	4
Necrosis of Skull.....	1	Tetanus.....	2
Non Viable.....	1	Tumor.....	1
Odema Glotis.....	1	Ulcer of Leg.....	1
Pleuritis.....	2	"    " Stomach .....	2

Ulceration of Intestines....	1	Nervous Prostration .....	1
Uromia.....	1	Phthisis with Addison's Dis.	1
Valvular Disease.....	2		—
		Total.....	942

## BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

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OFFICERS, JANUARY 1st, 1860.

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TIMOTHY DALY,.....*Warden*,

EDWARD A. EBBETS,.....*Clerk*.

JOHN FREY,.....*Apothecary*.

JOHN KING,:.....*Engineer*.

SUSAN L. CORWIN,.....*Matron*.

## BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

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### WARDEN'S REPORT.

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*New-York, January, 1860.*

#### *GOVERNORS of the Alms-House:*

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned respectfully presents his Report for 1859.

The number of patients in the Hospital on the first of January, 1859, was.....	853
The number of admissions (including 388 births), during the year was.....	9,189
Whole number treated for the year 1859.....	10,042
Number discharged during the year.....	8,067
Number of deaths during the year.....	942
	— 9,009
Present number remaining in Hospital.....	1,033

Herewith is presented a table showing the monthly admissions, discharges and deaths during the last year: also the nativities.

Annexed is a list of articles made by the Patients during the year, and an Inventory of Goods remaining in store at the close of 1859.

The affairs of the Hospital for the year 1859, have been of a very satisfactory character. The rule dispensing with the office of Matron, and introducing two nurses instead, has worked well to the economy and general advantage of the Hospital.

The quantity of heat at present furnished to the Hospital, is quite insufficient for the comfort of the patients, and I would respectfully recommend that there be one boiler added to the present number.

By order of your Honorable Board, an important improvement was made in the ventilation of the old building within the last few months, which has proved beneficial as far as it goes—but by the introduction of cold air in many parts of the building, without a corresponding increase of heat, the extreme ends of the Hospital have been rendered intolerably cold to the inmates, and call loudly for more warmth.

In the month of May last, by resolution of your Board, Mr. Edward A. Ebbets was appointed Clerk of this Institution. I am happy in being able to say that he has discharged his duty in a very efficient manner.

It affords me much pleasure to again bear testimony to the excellent manner in which the members of the Medical Board, and also of the House-Staff, discharged their respective duties during the year just closed.

The officers and employees of the Hospital, with very few exceptions, have conducted themselves, and attended to their duties in a satisfactory manner.

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY DALY, *Warden.*

**R E P O R T****FOR THE YEAR 1859.**

Remaining in Hospital, January 1st, 1859.....	853
Admissions, including 355 births, for the year 1859.....	9,189
Total number treated during the year 1859. ....	10,042
Number Discharged for the year.....	9,067
- Deaths - - - .....	942
	9,009
Number remaining in Hospital, Jan. 1st, 1860.	1,033

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DEATHS, 1859.

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1859.	ADMISSIONS.				DISCHARGES.				DEATHS.			
	MEN.		WOMEN.		MEN.		WOMEN.		MEN.		WOMEN.	
	FOREIGN.	NATIVE.	TOTAL.	GIRLS.	BOYS.	WOMEN.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	MEN.	FOREIGN.	NATIVE.	TOTAL.
Jan..	417	265	0	3	685	95	590	358	220	18	10	606
Feb..	363	338	1	3	705	90	615	309	204	11	17	541
Mar..	340	275	7	6	628	96	532	352	276	19	20	667
April.	364	286	5	3	658	99	559	352	251	13	15	631
May.	406	347	3	1	757	108	649	377	342	19	18	756
June.	383	309	5	2	699	90	609	341	281	18	13	653
July.	500	327	6	5	838	119	719	381	336	23	26	766
Aug..	494	356	11	4	865	110	755	456	334	20	15	825
Sept..	468	285	3	5	761	106	655	403	268	23	15	709
Oct..	474	273	5	3	755	118	637	438	240	15	16	709
Nov..	389	288	5	3	685	101	584	336	218	19	20	593
Dec..	469	292	2	2	765	110	655	373	221	11	6	611
Total.	5067	3641	53	40	8801	1242	7559	4476	3191	209	191	8067

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## NATIVITIES OF THOSE ADMITTED.

	MEN.	WOMEN.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
United States.....	649	500	53	40	1242
Ireland.....	3513	2765	0	0	6278
England.....	193	83	0	0	276
Scotland.....	76	48	0	0	124
Germany.....	459	189	0	0	648
France.....	49	4	0	0	53
Canada.....	18	23	0	0	41
Wales.....	10	2	0	0	12
Other Countries.....	88	23	0	0	111
Unknown " .....	12	4	0	0	16
Total Number of Adm's..	5067	3641	53	40	8801
Births.....					388
					9189

TIMOTHY DALY, *Warden.*

*The undermentioned Articles have been made up by the Female Patients of the Bellevue Hospital, for the year ending December 31st, 1859.*

Shrouds.....	369
Sheets, unbleached.....	1,285
White Sheets.....	166
"    Chemises .....	436
Red    ".....	118
"    Shirts .....	235
Stockings .....	144 pair.
Socks .....	212 "
Bedticks.....	989
Pillow Ticks.....	1,318
"    Slips .....	1,974
Bed Spreads .....	736
Over Pants.....	394
Blue Shirts.....	260
Bandages .....	116
Baby's Nightgowns .....	122
"    Shirts.....	314
"    Rollers.....	130
Tablecloths .....	253
Towels .....	435
Women's Nightgowns.....	130
White Shirts.....	530
Gloves .....	12 pair.
Total number of Articles. ....	10,678

## APOTHECARY'S REPORT.

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL,

*January 2, 1860.*

*To the Hon. THE GOVERNORS OF THE ALMS-HOUSE:*

GENTLEMEN,—As is usual at this season, I would respectfully lay before you a schedule of the expenses of my Department, the number of prescriptions put up, and the number of patients treated during the year just passed, together with an inventory of the stock remaining on hand. At the request of the Chairman of our Committee, I send you a list of all the medicines purchased during the year, with the total amount of each annexed.

Drugs and Medicines.....	\$5,270 65
Cod Liver Oil.....	127 30
Oiled Muslin.....	192 20
Miscellaneous, (Shop and Ward Furniture)....	181 65
Glass Ware.....	134 33
Cotton Batts.....	168 75
Gutta Percha Hospital Sheeting.....	168 91
Farina.....	149 04
White Sugar.....	86 19
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	\$6,479 02

Stock on hand as per Inventory.....	\$2,404 02
No. of Prescriptions put up.....	122,816
No. of Patients treated.....	10,042

Very Respectfully, &c.

J. FREY, *Apothecary.*

## **BLACKWELL'S ISLAND HOSPITALS.**

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**Resident Physician's Office.**

**BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.**

**January 1st, 1860.**

*To the Governors of the Alms House:*

**GENTLEMEN:**—Herewith I submit for your inspection, detailed Medical and Statistical Reports, for the year 1859, of the various Departments entrusted to my charge.

### **ISLAND HOSPITAL.**

The history of the Island Hospital for the year 1859, is, upon the whole, satisfactory. The configuration of February 13, 1858, which drove the institution to temporary quarters, never intended for hospital purposes, has of course, subjected it to many inconveniences.

The total number of admissions to the Island Hospital during the year 1859, was 3,441, showing a decrease of

700, as compared with the admissions during 1858, and an increase of 631 if compared with those of 1857. During six years the admissions were as follows:

1853.....	3,136
1854.....	3,744
1855.....	2,158
1856.....	1,733
1857.....	2,810
1858.....	4,141
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Total.....	17,722
Or an average per year of.....	2,954

This shows the admissions of patients to have increased 487, or  $16\frac{4}{5}$  per cent., in 1859, as compared with the average admissions of the preceding six years. The aggregate number of persons under treatment in 1859, including those who were in the hospital on January 1st, 1859, was 3,829. Compared with former years this aggregate shows a decrease of 847 from the previous year, and an increase of 671 upon the number treated in 1857. The total number under treatment in those years was,

1857.....	3,158
1858.....	4,676
1859.....	3,829

Tables annexed show the business of the Island Hospital in various forms. The large "Statement of diseases treated," gives a comprehensive view of the Medical practice for the year; each line is the report of some malady, and exhibits the number of patients treated, their sex, age, education and nativity, and also the number discharged, with the result and duration of treatment in each case.

The "Comparative Statement" shows, in detail, the increase or decrease of each disease coming under my observation here, and presents many features worthy consideration. I have previously made this table the occasion of some remarks upon the wide-spread ravages of Venereal disease, and I again avail myself of the opportunity to submit some facts from the past year's history, bearing upon this important, though unpleasant subject. Of the total number of patients under treatment in 1859, no less than  $58\frac{5}{10}$  per cent. were suffering from Venereal complaints. In former years the ratio has been—

1854.....	$37\frac{4}{10}$	per cent.
1855.....	$58\frac{7}{10}$	"
1856.....	$73\frac{1}{10}$	"
1857.....	$65\frac{2}{10}$	"
1858.....	$63\frac{7}{10}$	"

Thus exhibiting a decrease of  $5\frac{3}{10}$  per cent. upon the proportion of the year 1858, and of  $1\frac{1}{10}$  per cent. upon the

average of five years, which is  $59\frac{6}{10}$  per cent. I can only reiterate the remarks made in my report for 1858, that this small diminution of per centage is no proof of the decrease of Syphilis, which "*is steadily advancing*, and will continue to advance, until effective measures are taken to check it in its earliest stages."

I invite your attention to the series of tables marked from A to A a, (inclusive) which present the moral and social statistics of the patients in the Island Hospital. This is my Sixth Annual Report to you, in each of which I have had the pleasure of directing your attention to similar deductions, and while my opinion of their ulterior value is confirmed, it is a satisfaction to know they have met the approval of your Honorable Board, and the public at large.

The facts disclosed by Table B, are peculiarly gratifying. For the first time since the organization of a hospital on Blackwell's Island, a year has elapsed without the reception of a convict from the Penitentiary. I should be untrue to my avowed sentiments on this subject, if I allowed the present opportunity to pass without congratulating the public on the success of the measures inaugurated in 1858, by which a poor, unfortunate man or woman is enabled to obtain Medical Relief, without becoming an inmate of a Penitentiary, or being forced into companionship with the criminal. The beneficial working

of the system is also shown by the increased number of patients admitted by permits from the Alms House Department. A comparison of the Reports for the last three years, shows the increase to be very decided. There were treated of this class of patients in

1857. ....	250
1858. ....	493
1859. ....	863

Compared with the gross number treated, the proportions are,

1857.....	$7\frac{9}{10}$ per cent.
1858.....	$10\frac{5}{10}$ " "
1859.....	$25\frac{1}{10}$ " "

This is a direct increase of  $14\frac{6}{10}$  per cent. on the ratio for 1858, and  $17\frac{2}{10}$  per cent. on the ratio for 1857.

Passing over Table C, which is a monthly recapitulation of Admissions, Deaths and Discharges; and Table D, which shows the length of time each class of patients was under treatment; Table E, giving the nativities of all admitted during 1859, claims attention. The proportions are,

Natives .....	$25\frac{9}{10}$ per cent.
Foreigners .....	$74\frac{1}{10}$ "
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In my Report for 1858, I gave the following proportions as the mean of five years inquiries:

Natives.....	$27\frac{1}{10}$	per cent.
Foreigners.....	$72\frac{9}{10}$	"
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This gives a decrease of  $1\frac{2}{10}$  per cent. on the admission of native born patients, and a corresponding increase on those of foreign birth.

The proportion of natives of the several States is:

Carolina, North.....	$\frac{8}{10}$	per cent.
Carolina, South.....	$\frac{7}{10}$	"
Connecticut .....	$4\frac{1}{10}$	"
Georgia .....	$\frac{2}{10}$	"
Illinois.....	$\frac{2}{10}$	"
Kentucky .....	$\frac{1}{10}$	"
Louisiana .....	$\frac{5}{10}$	"
Maine .....	$2\frac{6}{10}$	"
Maryland .....	$\frac{1}{10}$	"
Massachusetts .....	4	"
Missouri .....	$\frac{1}{10}$	"
New Hampshire .....	1	"
New Jersey .....	$10\frac{2}{10}$	"
New-York .....	$69\frac{3}{10}$	"
Ohio.....	$\frac{3}{10}$	"

Pennsylvania .....	$5\frac{3}{10}$	per cent.
Rhode Island .....	$\frac{2}{10}$	"
Texas .....	$\frac{1}{10}$	"
Vermont .....	$\frac{3}{10}$	"
Virginia.....	$\frac{1}{10}$	"
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The ratio of foreigners is :

Ireland .....	77	per cent.
England .....	$6\frac{7}{10}$	"
Scotland .....	$2\frac{8}{10}$	"
Canada .....	2	"
Wales .....	$\frac{2}{10}$	"
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Total from British Dominions .....  $88\frac{7}{10}$  per cent.

Germany .....	$8\frac{7}{10}$	per cent.
France.....	$\frac{7}{10}$	"
Other Countries .....	$\frac{5}{10}$	"
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Total from Continental Europe.....  $9\frac{9}{10}$  per cent.

Other countries, at sea and unascertained...  $1\frac{4}{10}$  "

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Table F, shows the length of time foreigners admitted

during 1859, have resided in the United States, as follows:

Resided under five years.....	12	per cent.
"    from 5 years to 10 years....	$39\frac{6}{10}$	"
"    "    10 "    15 "    ... 25		"
"    "    15 "    20 "    ... $12\frac{6}{10}$		"
"    "    20 "    and upwards..	$10\frac{1}{10}$	"
Unascertained.....	$\frac{7}{10}$	"
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The average for the preceding five years, (1854 to 1858,) is:

Resided under five years.....	$21\frac{2}{10}$	per cent.
"    from 5 years to 10 years....	$30\frac{1}{10}$	"
"    "    10 "    15 "    ... $21\frac{1}{10}$		"
"    "    15 "    20 "    ... $14\frac{5}{10}$		"
"    "    20 years and upwards.....	$10\frac{8}{10}$	"
Unascertained .....	$2\frac{3}{10}$	"
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The subjoined table shows the difference between this average and the proportions for 1859:

	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Resided under 5 yrs. ....	.....	$9\frac{2}{10}$ per cent.
" from 5 " to 10 yrs.	$9\frac{5}{10}$ per cent.	.....
" " 10 " " 15 "	$8\frac{9}{10}$ "	.....
" " 15 " " 20 "	.....	$1\frac{9}{10}$ "
" " 20 " & upward	.....	$\frac{7}{10}$ "
Unascertained .....	.....	$1\frac{6}{10}$ "
	$13\frac{4}{10}$ per cent.	$13\frac{4}{10}$ per cent.

The noticeable feature here, a decrease of  $9\frac{2}{10}$  per cent. on the admission of foreigners who have resided less than five years in the country, may be justly attributed to the reduced amount of immigration of late years, and the consequent absence from the City of a large proportion of unemployed and unprotected strangers; a class, from their circumstances, peculiarly liable to yield to those temptations which finally render them claimants for public charity.

Table G, shows the ages of patients admitted during 1859:

16 years and under .....	$3\frac{4}{10}$ per cent.
17 " to 20 years .....	$23\frac{8}{10}$ "

21 years to 25 years .....	$27\frac{9}{10}$	per cent.
26 " to 30 "	$21\frac{8}{10}$	"
31 " to 40 "	12	"
41 " to 50 "	$5\frac{9}{10}$	"
51 " and upwards .....	5	"
Unascertained.....	$\frac{2}{10}$	"

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These proportions vary but little from those of former years : the same amount of juvenile depravity is still apparent. The admissions of patients under thirty years of age, in the year 1857, were  $74\frac{7}{10}$  per cent. of the total ; in 1858, they had fallen to  $74\frac{1}{10}$  per cent., and in the year 1859, they have increased to  $76\frac{9}{10}$  per cent. This subject is worthy the attentive consideration of philanthropists.

Next in importance to the subject of juvenile depravity, is that of Education, the advantages or disadvantages of which have long formed a matter of discussion among political economists. The advocates of each side of the question have advanced their arguments with much ingenuity, but this is not the time or place to review them. It is my duty to narrate facts as I find them. The degree of education of patients admitted in 1859, was as follows :

Can read and write well.....	$4\frac{6}{10}$	per cent.
" " " imperfectly ...	$24\frac{6}{10}$	"

Can read only.....	$87\frac{6}{10}$	per cent.
Uneducated .....	83	"
Unascertained.....	$\frac{2}{10}$	"
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In my Report for 1858, I gave a table showing the percentages on this question for the previous five years. The importance of the subject will warrant its repetition.

EDUCATION.	1854.	1855.	1856.	1857.	1858.
Read and write well.	$11\frac{4}{10}$	$13\frac{5}{10}$	$18\frac{8}{10}$	$7\frac{3}{10}$	$5\frac{3}{10}$
Do. do. imperfectly	$50\frac{2}{10}$	$52\frac{3}{10}$	$47\frac{3}{10}$	$31\frac{8}{10}$	$25\frac{1}{10}$
Read only.....				$33\frac{3}{10}$	$36\frac{6}{10}$
Uneducated .....	$37\frac{4}{10}$	33	$33\frac{2}{10}$	27	$32\frac{9}{10}$
Unascertained.....	1	$1\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{7}{10}$	$\frac{8}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$
	100	100	100	100	100

By a comparison of results from the year 1857, when the classification now in use was adopted, it appears that the number of those who "can read and write well," and "can read and write imperfectly," has gradually decreased, while the number who "can read only" and are entirely "uneducated," has increased in a similar proportion.

The civil condition of each patient, as exhibited by Table K, is

Single .....	$55\frac{3}{10}$	per cent.
Married.....	$20\frac{8}{10}$	"
Widowed .....	$23\frac{8}{10}$	"
Unascertained .....	$\frac{1}{10}$	"
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From Table L, I take the ratio of widowed patients, showing their ages at the time of admission to the Hospital :

17 years to 20 years.....	$15\frac{9}{10}$	per cent.
21 " 25 " .....	$18\frac{8}{10}$	"
26 " 30 " .....	$18\frac{7}{10}$	"
31 " 40 " .....	$22\frac{1}{10}$	"
41 " 50 " .....	$12\frac{6}{10}$	"
51 " and upward .....	$11\frac{9}{10}$	"
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With juvenile depravity so plainly indicated, and the want of education so apparent, the disclosures of Table M, can scarcely excite surprise. This exposes the habits of all persons admitted during the year, and shows there were,

Temperate .....  $13\frac{6}{10}$  per cent.

Moderate Drinkers .....	$21\frac{8}{10}$	per cent
Intemperate .....	$41\frac{4}{10}$	"
Habitual Drunkards.....	23	"
Unascertained.....	$\frac{2}{10}$	"
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While this result could not have been unexpected, it is still a mournful consideration, that more than sixty-four persons in every hundred, are, by their own voluntary confession, victims of an immoderate use of intoxicating liquors.

The facts evolved by Table N, which gives the habits of patients in conjunction with their respective ages, I will state in the same form as adopted last year. Of the temperate patients there were,

16 years and under.....	$16\frac{7}{10}$	per cent.
17 " to 20 years.....	$23\frac{6}{10}$	"
21 " " 25 " .....	22	"
26 " " 30 " .....	$19\frac{5}{10}$	"
31 " " 40 " .....	$11\frac{8}{10}$	"
41 " " 50 " .....	$3\frac{8}{10}$	"
51 " and upward .....	$2\frac{6}{10}$	"
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Of the Moderate Drinkers there were,

16 years and under.....	$3\frac{9}{10}$	per cent.
17 " to 20 years.....	$31\frac{4}{10}$	"
21 " " 25 " .....	$28\frac{9}{10}$	"
26 " " 30 " .....	$9\frac{9}{10}$	"
31 " " 40 " .....	$12\frac{5}{10}$	"
41 " " 50 " .....	$9\frac{3}{10}$	"
51 " and upward .....	$4\frac{1}{10}$	"
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Of Intemperate Drinkers there were,

16 years and under.....	$4\frac{4}{10}$	per cent.
17 " to 20 years.....	$21\frac{4}{10}$	"
21 " " 25 " .....	$34\frac{1}{10}$	"
26 " " 30 " .....	$23\frac{8}{10}$	"
31 " " 40 " .....	$11\frac{2}{10}$	"
41 " " 50 " .....	5	"
51 " and upward .....	$4\frac{1}{10}$	"
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Of Habitual Drunkards there were,

16 years and under.....	$4\frac{4}{10}$	per cent.
17 " to 20 years.....	$21\frac{5}{10}$	"
21 " " 25 " .....	$18\frac{7}{10}$	"

26 years to 30 years.....	31	per cent.
31    "    40    " .....	13 $\frac{6}{10}$	"
41    "    50    " .....	5 $\frac{6}{10}$	"
51    " and upward .....	9 $\frac{2}{10}$	"
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Table O, is an exposition of Social Habits and Education in conjunction. Of those who could read and write well, there were,

Temperate.....	46 $\frac{8}{10}$	per cent.
Moderate Drinkers.....	16 $\frac{4}{10}$	"
Intemperate .....	17 $\frac{8}{10}$	"
Habitual Drunkards.....	19	"
	100	

Of those who could read and write imperfectly, there were,

Temperate.....	14 $\frac{3}{10}$	per cent.
Moderate Drinkers.....	17 $\frac{3}{10}$	"
Intemperate .....	40 $\frac{1}{10}$	"
Habitual Drunkards.....	28 $\frac{3}{10}$	"
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Of those who could read only, there were,

Temperate .....	$7\frac{5}{10}$	per cent.
Moderate Drinkers .....	$26\frac{8}{10}$	"
Intemperate .....	$45\frac{2}{10}$	"
Habitual Drunkards.....	$20\frac{5}{10}$	"
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Of the uneducated portion, there were,

Temperate.....	$15\frac{4}{10}$	per cent.
Moderate Drinkers .....	$20\frac{5}{10}$	"
Intemperate .....	$41\frac{5}{10}$	"
Habitual Drunkards.....	$22\frac{6}{10}$	"
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Table P, shows the habits of the parents of those persons who subsequently became a public charge in the Island Hospital to have been,

Temperate.....	$26\frac{4}{10}$	per cent.
Moderate Drinkers.....	$36\frac{1}{10}$	"
Intemperate .....	$21\frac{7}{10}$	"
Habitual Drunkards .....	$8\frac{9}{10}$	"
Unascertained .....	$6\frac{9}{10}$	"
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A continuation of the same subject is offered in Table Q, from which it appears, that of the children of Temperate parents, there were,

Temperate.....	$29\frac{6}{10}$	per cent.
Moderate Drinkers.....	$28\frac{2}{10}$	"
Intemperate .....	$26\frac{8}{10}$	"
Habitual Drunkards.....	$15\frac{4}{10}$	"
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Of the children of Moderate Drinkers, there were,

Temperate.....	$7\frac{4}{10}$	per cent.
Moderate Drinkers.....	$18\frac{5}{10}$	"
Intemperate .....	$57\frac{9}{10}$	"
Habitual Drunkards .....	$16\frac{2}{10}$	"
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Of the children of Intemperate parents, there were,

Temperate.....	$8\frac{3}{10}$	per cent.
Moderate Drinkers.....	$19\frac{5}{10}$	"
Intemperate .....	$39\frac{6}{10}$	"
Habitual Drunkards.....	$32\frac{6}{10}$	"
	100	

Of the children of Habitual Drunkards, there were,

Temperate .....	$8\frac{5}{10}$	per cent.
Moderate Drinkers.....	19	"
Intemperate .....	$35\frac{5}{10}$	"
Habitual Drunkards .....	37	"
	100	

Of the children of parents whose habits were unascertained, there were,

Temperate .....	$7\frac{9}{10}$	per cent.
Moderate Drinkers .....	$25\frac{9}{10}$	"
Intemperate .....	$23\frac{9}{10}$	"
Habitual Drunkards .....	$39\frac{3}{10}$	"
Unascertained .....	3	"
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In pursuance of the plan to ascertain every particular of the prior life of patients, they were examined as to their profession of religion, and their replies, (condensed in table R,) show there were,

Protestants .....	$28\frac{3}{10}$	per cent.
Roman Catholics.....	$66\frac{7}{10}$	"
Jews .....	$\frac{3}{10}$	"

Non-Professors.....	$4\frac{5}{10}$	per cent.
Unascertained .....	$\frac{2}{10}$	"
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Table T, shows the occupations of patients as

Requiring mental ability.....	1	per cent.
"    mechanical or trade knowledge	$29\frac{7}{10}$	"
"    physical strength only.....	$69\frac{1}{10}$	"
Unascertained.....	$\frac{2}{10}$	"
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From the same table it appears that of these persons, there

Worked until committed .....	$21\frac{5}{10}$	per cent.
Have been idle for 3 months .....	$15\frac{6}{10}$	"
"      "      6      "      .....	$13\frac{8}{10}$	"
"      "      9      "      .....	$12\frac{2}{10}$	"
"      "      1 year.....	$8\frac{4}{10}$	"
"      "      from 1 " to 2 years.	$10\frac{3}{10}$	"
"      "      2 " to 4 "	7	"
"      "      4 " to 7 "	$4\frac{9}{10}$	"
"      "      7 " to 10 "	4	"
"      "      over 10 "	$2\frac{1}{10}$	"
"      "      an unascertained time....	$\frac{2}{10}$	"
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Table U, shows how often each patient has been an inmate of the Island Hospital. The proportions are :

1st time of Admission.....	$52\frac{1}{10}$	per cent.
2d   "        "        .....	$21\frac{7}{10}$	"
3d   "        "        .....	$8\frac{1}{10}$	"
4th   "        "        .....	$5\frac{6}{10}$	"
5th   "        "        .....	$2\frac{2}{10}$	"
6th   "        "        .....	$2\frac{5}{10}$	"
7th   "        "        .....	$1\frac{5}{10}$	"
8th   "        "        .....	$1\frac{6}{10}$	"
9th   "        "        .....	$\frac{6}{10}$	"
10th   "        "        .....	$\frac{7}{10}$	"
11th   "        "        .....	$\frac{3}{10}$	"
12th   "        "        .....	$\frac{4}{10}$	"
Admitted more than 12 times..	$2\frac{5}{10}$	"
Unascertained.....	$\frac{2}{10}$	"

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Having thus rapidly glanced at the leading characteristics of patients admitted during the year 1859, rather with the view of exhibiting some of the most important, than of calling your attention to all the facts contained in the tables, I have now to submit the particulars of those discharged during the same period. Table V, gives the du-

ration of treatment. Of the total number, the average time each person was in the Hospital, is thus shown:

5 days and under.....	$12\frac{2}{10}$	per cent.
6 " to 10 days .....	$9\frac{3}{10}$	"
11 " to 20 " .....	$9\frac{6}{10}$	"
21 " to 30 " .....	$12\frac{4}{10}$	"
1 month to 2 months.....	$19\frac{2}{10}$	"
2 " to 3 " .....	$12\frac{8}{10}$	"
3 " to 4 " .....	$13\frac{1}{10}$	"
4 " and upwards.....	$10\frac{6}{10}$	"
Helpers and improper subjects..	$\frac{8}{10}$	"
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Table W, shows the result of treatment, on the number discharged:

Cured .....	$78\frac{4}{10}$	per cent.
Relieved .....	$16\frac{2}{10}$	"
Not Relieved .....	$1\frac{2}{10}$	"
Died.....	$3\frac{3}{10}$	"
Transferred.....	{	
Helpers and improper subjects	$\frac{9}{10}$	"
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Calculating the same facts upon the total number under treatment, the results are:

Cured .....	$69\frac{6}{10}$	per cent
Relieved .....	$14\frac{4}{10}$	"
Not Relieved .....	$1\frac{1}{10}$	"
Died.....	$2\frac{9}{10}$	"
Transferred.....	{	
Helpers and improper subjects	$\frac{8}{10}$	"
Remaining in Hospital .....	$11\frac{2}{10}$	"
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Among the patients who died during the year, were some whose diseases or condition when admitted, precluded the possibility of a favorable termination. These, therefore, I deduct. From the total number of deaths reported, ..... 111

Take Coroners' Cases.....	10
" Cancer, died 73 hours after admission.	1
" Fatty Degeneration of Liver, died 24 hours after admission .....	1
" Hypertrophy of Heart, died 48 hours after admission .....	1
" Marasmus, died 40 hours after admis- sion .....	1
" Phthisis Pulmonalis, died 24 hours after admission.....,....	2

Take Phthisis Pulmonalis, died 26 hours after admission.....	1
" Phthisis Pulmonalis, died 45 hours after admission .....	1
" Phthisis Pulmonalis, died 48 hours after admission .....	1
" Phthisis Pulmonalis, died 70 hours after admission .....	2
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Leaving chargeable to Hospital practice, only 90 cases, and making the ratio of mortality on the total number of patients treated, nearly  $2\frac{4}{10}$  per cent., or to speak precisely,  $2\frac{374}{1000}$  per cent. In the deductions it will be noticed, that with the exception of Coroner's cases, I have made none but those where patients afflicted with incurable diseases expired in so short a time after admission as to render it impossible to use any means, even to relieve their sufferings; the hope of saving life being entirely out of question.

The ratio of mortality is two-tenths of one, ( $0\frac{2}{10}$ ) per cent. more than in 1858. Considering the nature of the temporary accommodations to which the Hospital is restricted, I am surprised at the smallness of this increased ratio.

The ratio of mortality during the last seven years, is as follows:

1853.....	$3\frac{5}{10}$	per cent.
1854.....	$3\frac{3}{10}$	"
1855.....	$2\frac{8}{10}$	"
1856.....	$1\frac{6}{10}$	"
1857.....	$2\frac{1}{10}$	"
1858.....	$2\frac{1}{10}$	"
1859.....	$2\frac{3}{10}$	"
Mean ratio of seven years.....	$2\frac{4}{10}$	"
Ratio of 1859.....	$2\frac{3}{10}$	"
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Reduction in 1859.....	$0\frac{1}{10}$	

Table Y, is devoted to mortality statistics, showing the hour at which death occurred, the proportions are,

Died from 1 A. M. to 12 M.....	54	per cent.
" " 12 M. to midnight.....	46	"

The excess of deaths between midnight and noon, is not so much as in former years, the numbers being,

YEARS.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	TOTAL.
1855	41	25	66
1856	23	15	38
1857	41	33	74
1858	79	34	113
1859	60	51	111
	244	158	402

Table Z is a condensed statement of the net current expenses of the Hospital, during 1859, and shows a reduction of \$3,473 61 from the amount expended during 1858. Table A a, is a recapitulation of bills rendered to the Commissioners of Emigration, during the year, for Medical attendance and board of those persons, who, having resided less than five years in the United States, are chargeable to the Commutation Fund.

#### SMALL POX HOSPITAL.

The Report of this Institution, as shown by tables marked A to E (inclusive) is of a most satisfactory nature. The total number of patients under treatment was 139, a decrease of 109, or  $44\frac{8}{10}$  per cent. upon the cases of 1858. Of these patients but six died from Small Pox, the remain-

ing mortality being caused by other diseases. Had the whole number of deaths (12) resulted from Small Pox, the ratio of mortality would have been but  $8\frac{6}{10}$  per cent., instead of  $16\frac{8}{10}$  per cent., the average of the previous six years. Table C, shows *the mortality resulting from Small Pox to be  $4\frac{3}{10}$  per cent.* The Small Pox Hospital is a well-ventilated structure, provided with ample accommodations for the medical treatment of its inmates, and is the strongest argument that can be adduced in favor of free air in buildings devoted to the sick.

By virtue of an arrangement between your Honorable Board, and the Commissioners of Emigration, all cases of Small Pox formerly treated at the Marine Hospital, Quarantine, are now cared for in this hospital, at the expense of the Commissioners of Emigration. The first patients of this character were received in June last, since which time there has been admitted twenty-eight (28) persons, twenty-four (24) of whom have been discharged cured, and four (4) now remain in the Hospital. The bills rendered to the Commissioners of Emigration for the medical attendance and board of these patients were,

July .....	\$183 48
August .....	24 57
September .....	87 14
December .....	73 14
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	\$318 33

**ALMS HOUSE.**

This Report, comprised in tables A, B and C, is also of a favorable nature. The deaths for the year number 284, a reduction of 109 from the mortality of 1858. The ratio of mortality has fallen from 4 to  $3\frac{3}{10}$  per cent. From table B, you will perceive that 31 (or  $10\frac{9}{10}$  per cent.) of the number who died, were *transferred direct* from Bellevue Hospital; also, that 90 ( $31\frac{6}{10}$  per cent.) died within a month after admission to the Alms House, and that 62 ( $21\frac{8}{10}$  per cent.) died within three months after admission. In fact, the Alms House is the "Dead House" for other Institutions, and most particularly for Bellevue Hospital. Thirty-one (31) were *transferred direct* from the latter Institution, and of the 152 who died, in from one to three months, two-thirds were discharged from Bellevue to the City, where they remained just long enough to get a permit for the Alms House. The legitimate mortality of this Department is, probably,  $2\frac{3}{10}$  per cent.

I again report to your Honorable Board, that the Alms House buildings are fearfully over-crowded, and badly ventilated. My Annual Reports during the past six years will bear witness, that I have performed my duty in calling your attention to the dangerous condition of this Institution. In 1854, I wrote;

"The Alms Houses are very much crowded, so much

so, as to be absolutely dangerous to the inmates. Should an epidemic of any kind break out during the present state of this Institution, a fearful mortality must be expected. This over-filled condition has, more or less, influenced last year's mortality."

Again, in 1855, I remarked, "I have again to call your attention to the crowded condition of these buildings. There is great want of proper ventilation in the Alms Houses. No degree of medical or non-medical attention can obviate the serious difficulties arising from *this pregnant source of sickness and death.* Your Alms House Buildings are filled to overflowing, and improperly ventilated." On the same subject I said, in 1857, "The overcrowded condition of the buildings has been much aggravated in the past year. I cannot conceal my opinion that much, at least of the infantile sickness, may be assigned to this cause."

#### WORK HOUSE.

The Work House table presents no features calling for special notice. It shows the usual amount of sickness treated, and exhibits a mortality of  $1\frac{1}{10}$  per cent., against  $1\frac{4}{10}$  per cent. in 1858. It is scarcely necessary to say that all serious cases of disease are transferred from this Institution to the Island Hospital.

**PENITENTIARY.**

This Institution has been healthy during the year. The table gives an enumeration of the maladies treated, and shows a mortality of *nine-tenths of one* ( $\frac{9}{10}$ ) per cent.

**AGGREGATE STATEMENT.**

The last table in the series is a connected statement of all the cases treated in the Institutions under my charge, and is valuable as showing the extent and variety of the sickness that finds its alleviation in the Medical Department of Blackwell's Island.

I have again the pleasant task of acknowledging the services of the medical gentlemen who have been members of my staff during the year. The anticipations of my last Report that I should find Doctor C. W. Packard, in the position of Deputy Resident Physician, "a valuable assistant in the task of carrying out your wishes," have been fully verified, and to him, as also to Doctors Smith, Hodgman, Peugnet, Fox, Brisbane, Merchant, Malone, Tenney, Christie, Page, Marston, Chalmers, Bates, and Hartshorne, my thanks are due.

To the other officers of the Department, Mr. J. Atkinson, Apothecary; Mr. B. B. Sibell, Steward; and Mr. S. G.

Butler, Clerk ; I am happy to repeat the remarks I have made in former years.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

WM. W. SANGER,

*Resident Physician,*

*Blackwell's Island.*

## ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

January 1, 1860.

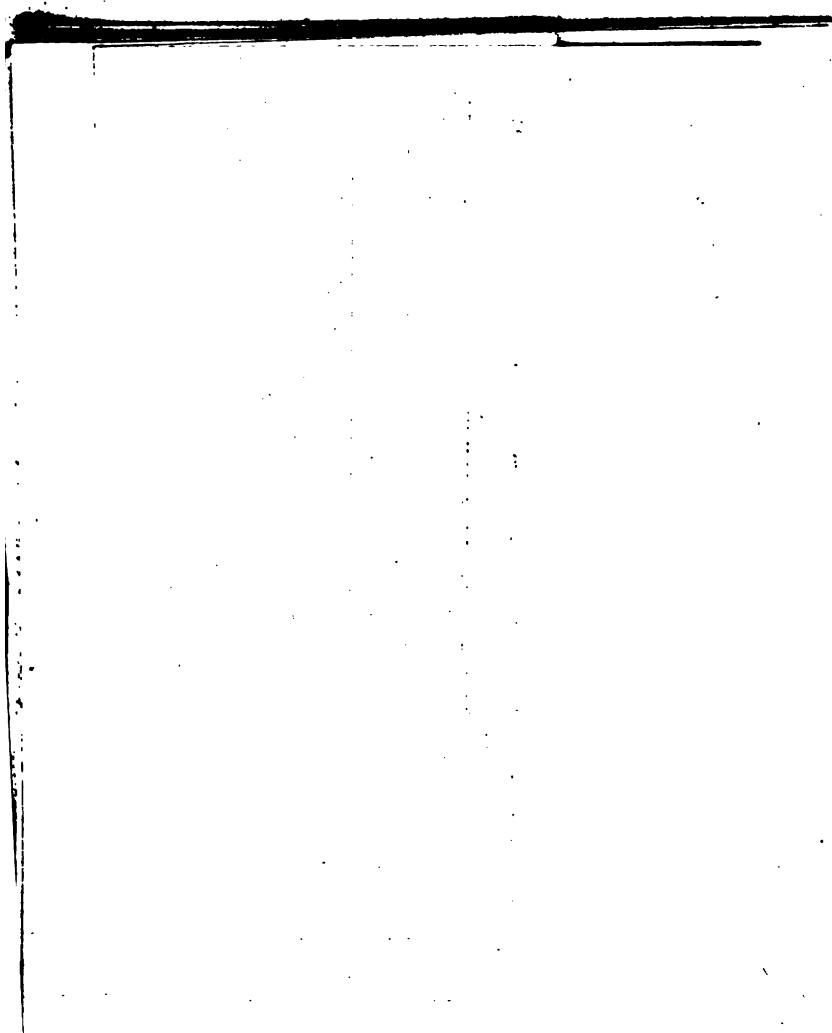
## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

*Of the Diseases treated in the Island Hospital, Blackwell's Island, during the years 1858 and 1859, showing the Increase or Decrease in the latter year.*

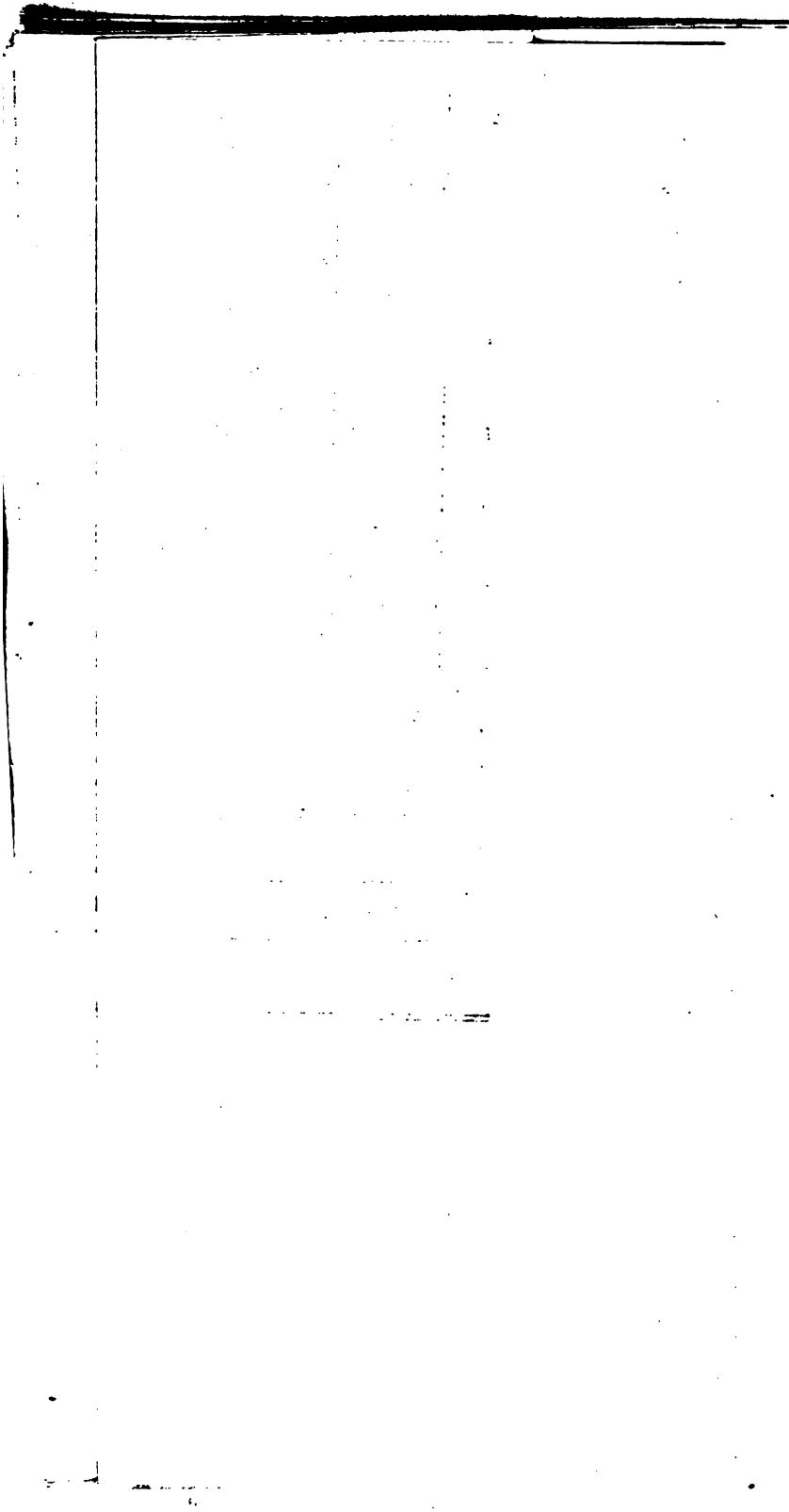
DISEASES.	Treated in 1858.	Treated in 1859.	Increase in 1859.	Decrease in 1859.
Abortion.....	7	3	.....	4
Abscess.....	48	48	5	.....
Acne.....		5	5	.....
Adenitis.....	19	38	19	.....
Albuminuria.....	12	7	.....	5
Amaurosis.....	4	3	.....	1
Amenorrhœa.....	74	36	.....	38
Anasarca.....		2	2	.....
Anæmia.....	2	10	8	.....
Ankylosis.....	3	.....	.....	3
Aneurism.....	5	5	.....	.....
Apoplexy.....	5	2	.....	3
Arachnitis.....	1	1	.....	.....
Ascites.....	6	8	2	.....
Asthma.....	9	4	.....	5
Balanitis.....	58	18	.....	40
Brain, Inflammation of.....	1	.....	.....	1
" Softening of.....		1	1	.....
Bronchitis.....	121	125	4	.....
Buboes.....	338	226	.....	112
Burns.....	9	17	8	.....

DISEASES.	Treated in 1858.	Treated in 1859.	Increase in 1859.	Decrease in 1859.
Cancer .....	.....	4	4	.....
Carbuncle .....	6	1	.....	5
Caries.....	13	3	.....	10
Cervix Uteri, Hypertrophy of. .	53	26	.....	27
"    " Inflammation of..	64	36	.....	28
"    " Induration of....	27	4	.....	23
"    " Induration and Ul- ceration of....	30	6	.....	24
"    " Ulceration of....	218	294	76	.....
Cholera Infantum.....	4	.....	.....	4
Cholera Morbus.....	7	7	.....	.....
Chorea .....	1	.....	.....	1
Condylomata.....	73	62	.....	11
Conjunctivitis.....	34	53	19	.....
Constipation.....	15	17	2	.....
Convulsions .....	1	1	.....	.....
Corneitis.....	4	6	2	.....
Coroners' cases.....	6	10	4	.....
Croup.....	1	.....	.....	1
Cystitis.....	.....	2	2	.....
Debauch.....	976	724	.....	252
Debility.....	15	21	6	.....
Delirium Tremens.....	305	180	.....	125
Diarrhoea.....	116	150	34	.....
Dysentery.....	30	34	4	.....
Ectyma.....	.....	1	1	.....
Eczema.....	8	9	1	.....
Endocarditis .....	1	.....	.....	1
Enteritis.....	2	4	2	.....
Erysipelas.....	25	56	31	.....
Epilepsy.....	22	24	2	.....
Fever, Intermittent.....	85	60	.....	25
" Puerperal.....	2	3	1	.....
" Remittent.....	6	2	.....	4
" Typhoid .....	3	3	.....	.....
" Typhus.....	.....	1	1	.....

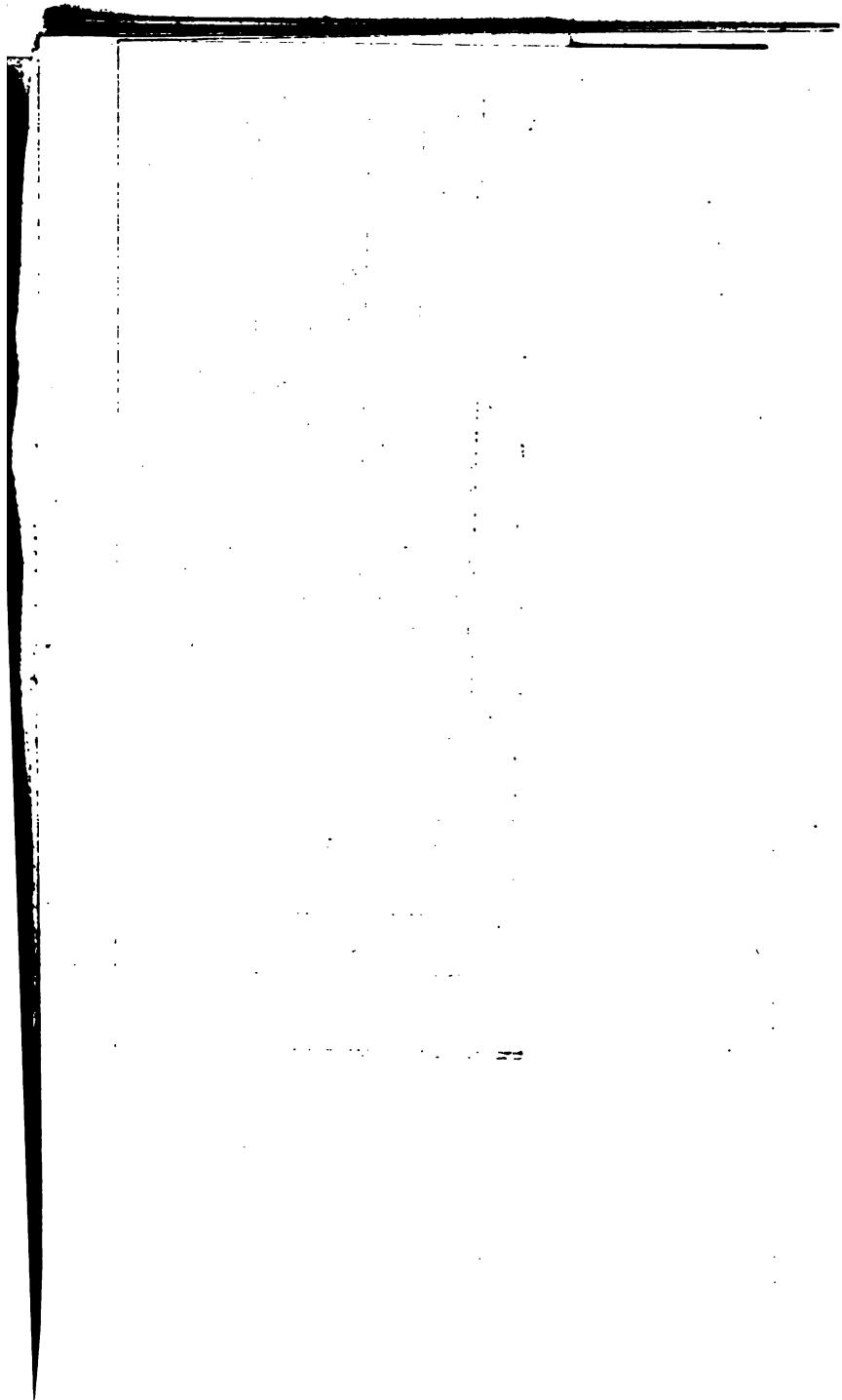
DISEASES.	Treated in 1858.	Treated in 1859.	Increase in 1859.	Decrease in 1859.
Fistula in Ano.....	7	2	.....	5
" Recto-Vaginal.....	6	8	2	.....
Fracture.....	18	20	2	.....
Frost Bite.....	14	8	.....	6
Furuncles.....	28	6	.....	22
Gangrene.....	.....	2	2	.....
Gastritis.....	9	35	26	.....
Gonorrhœa.....	221	220	.....	1
Granular Lids and Vascular Cornea.....	7	6	.....	1
Hematemesis.....	.....	2	2	.....
Hemiplegia.....	1	.....	.....	1
Hemorrhage, Uterine.....	2	.....	.....	2
Hemoptysis.....	2	4	2	.....
Heart, Fatty degeneration of.....	1	.....	.....	1
" Hypertrophy of.....	4	10	6	.....
" Valvular Disease of.....	14	11	.....	3
Hepatitis.....	2	4	2	.....
Hernia.....	34	7	.....	27
Herpes.....	9	7	.....	2
Hemorrhoids.....	83	38	.....	45
Hysteria.....	1	11	10	.....
Icterus.....	5	15	10	.....
Impetigo.....	6	12	6	.....
Injuries.....	138	190	52	.....
Iritis.....	58	33	.....	25
Kidneys, Fatty degeneration of.....	2	.....	.....	2
Leucorrhœa.....	36	55	19	.....
Liver, Cirrhosis of.....	2	1	.....	1
" Fatty degeneration of.....	.....	2	2	.....
Marasmus.....	2	3	1	.....
Meningitis.....	6	5	.....	1
Menorrhagia.....	15	31	16	.....
Metritis.....	.....	3	3	.....
Necrosis.....	9	5	.....	4
Nephritis.....	3	2	.....	1



DISEASES.	Treated in 1858.	Treated in 1859.	Increase in 1859.	Decrease in 1859.
Synovitis .....	7	14	7	.....
Syphilis, Primary .....	1206	850	.....	356
" Secondary .....	453	404	.....	49
" Tertiary .....	128	75	.....	53
Syphilitic Vegetation .....	140	82	.....	58
Tonsillitis .....	18	16	.....	2
Ulcers .....	301	232	.....	69
Urine, Incontinence of .....	7	3	.....	4
" Retention of .....	3	1	.....	2
Vaginitis .....	138	38	.....	100
Varicose Veins .....	.....	6	6	.....
 Totals .....	.....	596	<u>1842</u>	
 Less Increase .....	.....	.....	.....	<u>596</u>
 Net Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	<u>1206</u>



DISEASES.	Treated in 1858.	Treated in 1859.	Increase in 1859.	Decrease in 1859.
Syphilitis .....	7	14	7	.....
Syphilis, Primary .....	1206	850	.....	356
" Secondary .....	453	404	.....	49
" Tertiary .....	128	75	.....	53
Syphilitic Vegetation .....	140	82	.....	58
Tonsillitis .....	18	16	.....	2
Ulcers .....	301	232	.....	69
Urine, Incontinence of .....	7	3	.....	4
" Retention of .....	3	1	.....	2
Vaginitis .....	138	38	.....	100
Varicose Veins .....	.....	6	6	.....
<b>Totals .....</b>	.....	<b>596</b>	<b>1842</b>	
<b>Less Increase .....</b>	.....	.....	.....	<b>596</b>
<b>Net Decrease .....</b>	.....	.....	.....	<b>1206</b>



**B.**

ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

*January 1st, 1860.*

## STATEMENT OF THE INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH PATIENTS ARE CHARGEABLE.

	Penitentiary.	Work House.	Alms House.	TOTAL.
Remaining in Hospital, December 31, 1858.....	317	71	388	388
Admitted during 1859.....	2649	792	3441	
Treated.....	2966	863	3829	
				No PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR.
Died.....	98	13	111	
Discharged.....	2558	729	3287	
Remaining in Hospital, December 31, 1859.....	310	121	431	

A.

ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL's ISLAND,

GENERAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1859.  
*January 1st, 1860.*

	White Males.	White Females.	Colored Males.	Colored Females.	TOTAL.	Natives.	Foreign.
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1858	99	276	4	9	388	62	326
Admitted during 1859 . . . . .	941	2422	19	59	3441	892	2549
Treated . . . . .	1040	2698	23	68	3829	954	2875
Died . . . . .	40	65	4	2	111	29	82
Discharged . . . . .	861	2349	17	60	3287	820	2467
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1859	139	284	2	6	431	105	326

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**D.**

ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

*January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1860.*

STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT EACH CLASS OF PATIENTS HAS BEEN UNDER  
MEDICAL TREATMENT DURING THE YEAR 1859.

DAYS.	DAYS.
Vagrants committed to the Work House.....	109,742
Patients belonging to the Alms House Department.....	31,931
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>141,673</b>

C.

## ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

January 1st, 1860.

## STATEMENT OF ADMISSIONS, DEATHS, AND DISCHARGES, FOR EACH MONTH DURING 1859.

	ADMISSIONS.		DEATHS.		DISCHARGES.		
	White Males.	White Females.	White Males.	White Females.	White Males.	White Females.	
January .....	73	224	300	81	219	2	201
February .....	51	163	2	3	219	5	62
March .....	41	135	3	179	65	111	69
April .....	75	159	1	6	241	73	196
May .....	47	210	1	5	263	69	161
June .....	67	204	1	6	278	69	160
July .....	96	223	2	7	328	91	209
August .....	75	190	2	5	272	63	209
September .....	87	221	4	4	316	81	235
October .....	113	243	1	7	364	89	275
November .....	82	230	2	6	320	74	246
December .....	134	220	2	5	361	81	280
Total .....	941	2422	19	59	3441	892	2549

	ADMISSIONS.		DEATHS.		DISCHARGES.		
	White Males.	White Females.	White Males.	White Females.	White Males.	White Females.	
January .....	73	219	2	5	7	57	201
February .....	51	163	2	6	8	57	62
March .....	41	135	3	11	6	57	69
April .....	75	159	1	4	11	5	79
May .....	47	210	1	7	11	3	54
June .....	67	204	1	6	11	3	54
July .....	96	223	2	7	11	3	54
August .....	75	190	2	5	272	63	209
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**D.**

ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

*January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1860.*

STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT EACH CLASS OF PATIENTS HAS BEEN UNDER  
MEDICAL TREATMENT DURING THE YEAR 1859.

DAYS.	94
Vagrants committed to the Work House.....	109,742
Patients belonging to the Alms House Department.....	31,931
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>141,673</b>

E.

## ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

January 1st, 1860.

## STATEMENT OF THE PLACE OF NATIVITY OF EACH PATIENT ADMITTED DURING 1859.

NATIVES.	FOREIGNERS.										Total.
	White	Males	Females	White	Males	Females	White	Males	Females	Total.	
Carolina, North .....	1	4	1	2	5	1	Belgium .....		1	1	1
" South .....	12	23	2	2	6	37	England .....		68	103	51
Connecticut .....							France .....		14	15	19
Georgia .....	1	1	1	1	2	2	Germany .....		95	126	221
Illinois .....							Holland .....		1	1	2
Kentucky .....							Italy .....		401	1562	1963
Louisiana .....							Mexico .....			2	2
Maine .....	8	13	1	1	22	1	Norway .....			1	1
Maryland .....							Poland .....		2	1	3
Massachusetts .....	18	13	1	4	36	1	Prussia .....		1	1	1
Missouri .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	Scotland .....		27	43	70
New-Hampshire .....	6	4	1	2	9	9	Spain .....		3	3	3
New-Jersey .....	32	57	1	2	91	1	Sweden .....		1	1	2
New-York .....	206	361	9	42	618	1	Switzerland .....		1	1	2
Ohio .....	1	2	1	1	3	1	Wales .....		2	2	6
Pennsylvania .....	19	23	2	3	47	1	West Indies .....		2	1	11
Rhode Island .....						1	At Sea .....		3	1	4
Texas .....						1	Unascertained .....		5	8	14
Vermont .....						1					
Virginia .....											
Total .....	307	514	16	55	892		Total .....		634	1908	3
											2549

F.  
ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND, January 1st, 1860.  
STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT FOREIGN BORN PATIENTS HAVE RESIDED IN THE  
UNITED STATES.

	Under 5 years.		6 to 10 years.		10 to 15 years.		15 to 20 years.		20 years and Upward.		Unascertained.		Totals.	
	Males.	Fem.	Males.	Fem.	Males.	Fem.	Males.	Fem.	Males.	Fem.	Males.	Fem.	Males.	Fem.
Belgium.....	6	6	1	1	4	8	2	8	1	1	1	1	1	1
Canada.....	1	11	3	17	27	32	10	21	8	9	14	37	14	37
England.....	16	19	8	8	2	1	3	13	11	13	1	1	68	103
France.....	1	1	1	1	38	30	34	21	11	13	1	1	14	6
Germany.....	36	196	142	690	96	356	68	167	59	153	2	401	95	126
Holland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Italy.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Ireland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	401	1569
Mexico.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Norway.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1
Poland.....	2	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	43
Prussia.....	2	8	15	16	16	19	2	3	2	3	2	3	1	2
Scotland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Spain.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sweden.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Switzerland.....	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wales.....	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4
West Indies.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	8
All Sea.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	4	6	4
Unascertained.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	9	6	9
Total.....	61	244	210	801	182	453	98	223	78	181	8	10	637	1912

G.

ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,  
January 1st, 1860.

STATEMENT OF THE AGE OF EACH PATIENT ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR 1859.

	White Males.	White Females.	Colored Males.	Colored Females.	TOTAL.	Natives.	Foreigners.
16 years and under.....	29	81	..	6	116	34	82
17 " " to 20 years.....	186	616	4	14	820	208	612
21 " " 25 "	213	707	8	25	953	273	680
26 " " 30 "	237	499	5	10	751	180	571
31 " " 40 "	131	281	2	2	416	102	314
41 " " 50 "	84	117	..	2	203	51	152
51 " and upward.....	59	116	..	..	175	44	131
Unascertained.....	2	5	..	..	7	....	7
Total.....	941	2422	19	59	3441	892	2549

**H.**

## ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

*January 1st, 1860.*

STATEMENT OF THE DEGREE OF EDUCATION OF EACH PATIENT ADMITTED DURING 1859.

	White Males.	White Females.	Colored Males.	Colored Females.	Total.	Natives.	Foreigners.
Can read and write well.....	73	84	...	1	158	79	79
“ “ imperfectly.....	262	566	5	13	846	213	633
“ only.....	306	952	12	25	1295	306	989
Uneducated.....	298	815	2	20	1135	294	841
Unascertained .....	2	5	....	....	7	....	7
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>2422</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3441</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>2549</b>

**J.** ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1860.  
STATEMENT OF THE DEGREE OF EDUCATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PLACE OF NATIVITY OF  
EACH PATIENT ADMITTED DURING 1859.

NATIVES.				FOREIGNERS.				TOTAL.		TOTAL.	
		Read sand Write well.		Read and Write im- perfectly.		Read only.		Uneducated.		TOTAL.	
Carolina, North	2	2	1	5	Belgium	1	1	1	1	1	1
" South	3	3	2	6	Canada	6	9	61	61	171	171
Connecticut	18	9	7	37	England	18	42	60	61	19	221
Georgia	1	1	1	2	France	1	8	6	5	1	221
Illinois	2	2	1	2	Holland	17	72	69	73	1	1863
Kentucky	2	11	4	1	Italy	1	1	1	1	1	1
Louisiana	1	1	1	22	Ireland	21	462	828	662	2	1
Maine	2	8	18	1	Mexico	1	1	2	2	1	1
Massachusetts	4	1	6	36	Norway	1	1	1	1	3	1
Missouri	1	1	1	1	Poland	2	1	1	1	1	1
New-Hampshire	1	3	2	1	Prussia	9	1	1	1	1	1
New-Jersey	7	23	47	14	Scotland	15	28	10	17	70	70
New-York	53	122	202	241	Spain	618	3	3	3	3	3
Ohio	1	1	1	1	Sweden	3	3	3	3	2	2
Pennsylvania	6	13	17	11	Switzerland	47	2	1	4	1	6
Rhode Island	1	1	1	1	Wales	1	1	1	1	11	11
Texas	1	1	1	1	West Indies	1	2	1	1	4	4
Vermont	1	1	1	1	At Sea	1	1	1	1	1	1
Virginia	1	1	1	1	Unascertained	1	7	7	7	14	14
Total	79	213	306	294	Total	79	633	989	841	7	2549

APPENDIX A  
MATERIALS AND METHODS

	White Males	White Females	Colored Males	Colored Females	Total Males	Total Females	Total
Single . . . . .	525	1330	10	38	1903	1975	1431
Married . . . . .	193	507	4	9	713	147	520
Widowed . . . . .	214	540	5	12	115	231	545
Unmarried . . . . .	2	5	.....	.....	7	.....	7
Total . . . . .	111	2122	10	60	3441	892	2549

**L.**

## ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1860.

STATEMENT OF THE CIVIL CONDITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGE OF EACH PATIENT  
ADMITTED DURING 1859.

	Singlē.	Mariēd.	Widowed.	Unsocer- tained.	Total.
16 years and under.....	103	13	..	..	116
17 " to 20 years.....	496	194	130	..	820
21 " " 25 "	621	179	153	..	953
26 " " 30 "	417	182	152	..	751
31 " " 40 "	164	72	180	..	416
41 " " 50 "	57	43	103	..	203
51 " and upward.....	48	30	97	..	175
Unascertained .....	..	..	..	7	7
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>1906</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3441</b>

M.  
ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

January 1, 1860.

STATEMENT OF THE SOCIAL HABITS OF EACH PATIENT ADMITTED DURING 1859.

	White Males.	White Females.	Colored Males.	Colored Females.	Total.	Natives.	Foreigners.
Temperate .....	105	361	.....	1	467	118	349
Moderate Drinkers .....	217	512	4	19	752	195	557
Intemperate .....	410	974	13	26	1423	371	1052
Habitual Drunkards .....	207	570	2	13	792	208	584
Unascertained .....	2	5	.....	.....	7	....	7
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>2422</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3441</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>2549</b>

N.

ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

January 1, 1860.

STATEMENT OF THE SOCIAL HABITS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGE OF EACH PATIENT  
ADMITTED DURING 1859.

	Temperate.	Moderate Drinker's.	Intemate Drinker's.	Habitual Drunkards.	Unascert. Drunks.	Total.
16 years and under.....	78	29	6	3	...	116
17 " to 20 years.....	110	236	304	170	...	820
21 " " 25 "	103	217	485	148	...	953
26 " " 30 "	91	75	339	246	...	751
31 " " 40 "	55	94	159	108	...	416
41 " " 50 "	18	70	71	44	...	203
51 " and upward .....	12	31	59	73	...	175
Unascertained .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	7
TOTAL.....	467	752	1423	792	7	3441

STATEMENT OF THE SOCIAL, HABITS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEGREE OF EDUCATION OF EACH PATIENT ADMITTED DURING 1859.					
	Bread and Writte well Bread only. Writte Im- perfectly.	Bread and Writte well Bread only. Writte Im- perfectly.	Uneducated Diseaser- tained.	Trained.	TOTAL.
Temperate .....	74	121	97	175	467
Moderate Drinkers.....	26	146	347	233	752
Intemperate .....	28	339	585	471	1423
Habitual Drunkards .....	30	240	266	256	792
Unascertained.....	.....	.....	.....	7	7
Total.....	158	846	1295	1135	3441

**P.**

ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

January 1, 1860.

STATEMENT OF THE SOCIAL HABITS OF THE PARENTS OF PATIENTS ADMITTED DURING 1859.

	White Males.	White Females.	Colored Males.	Colored Females.	Total.	Natives.	Foreigners.
Temperate .....	226	679	2	1	908	228	680
Moderate Drinkers .....	353	861	8	19	1241	319	922
Intemperate .....	224	506	3	15	748	198	550
Habitual Drunkards .....	72	210	4	19	305	89	216
Unascertained .....	66	166	2	5	239	58	181
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>2422</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3441</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>2549</b>

Q.

ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,  
January 1st, 1860.

STATEMENT OF THE SOCIAL HABITS OF THE PARENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOCIAL HABITS  
OF THE PATIENTS ADMITTED DURING 1859.

HABITS OF PATIENTS.	HABITS OF PARENTS.					TOTAL.
	Temperate.	Moderate.	Drinker's.	Intemperate.	Habitual Drunkards.	
Temperate .....	269	91	62	26	19	467
Moderate Drinkers.....	256	230	146	58	62	752
Intemperate .....	243	719	296	108	57	1423
Habitual Drunkards .....	140	201	244	113	94	792
Unascertained .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	7
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>1241</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>3441</b>

R.  
ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

January 1, 1860.

STATEMENT OF THE PROFESSION OF RELIGION OF EACH PATIENT ADMITTED DURING 1859.

	White Males.	White Females.	Colored Males.	Colored Females.	Total.	Natives.	Foreigners.
Protestant .....	291	614	16	56	977	280	697
Roman Catholic.....	578	1712	2	1	2293	574	1719
Jews .....	4	7	.....	.....	11	.....	11
Non-Professors .....	66	84	1	2	153	38	115
Unascertained .....	2	5	.....	.....	7	.....	7
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>2422</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3441</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>2549</b>

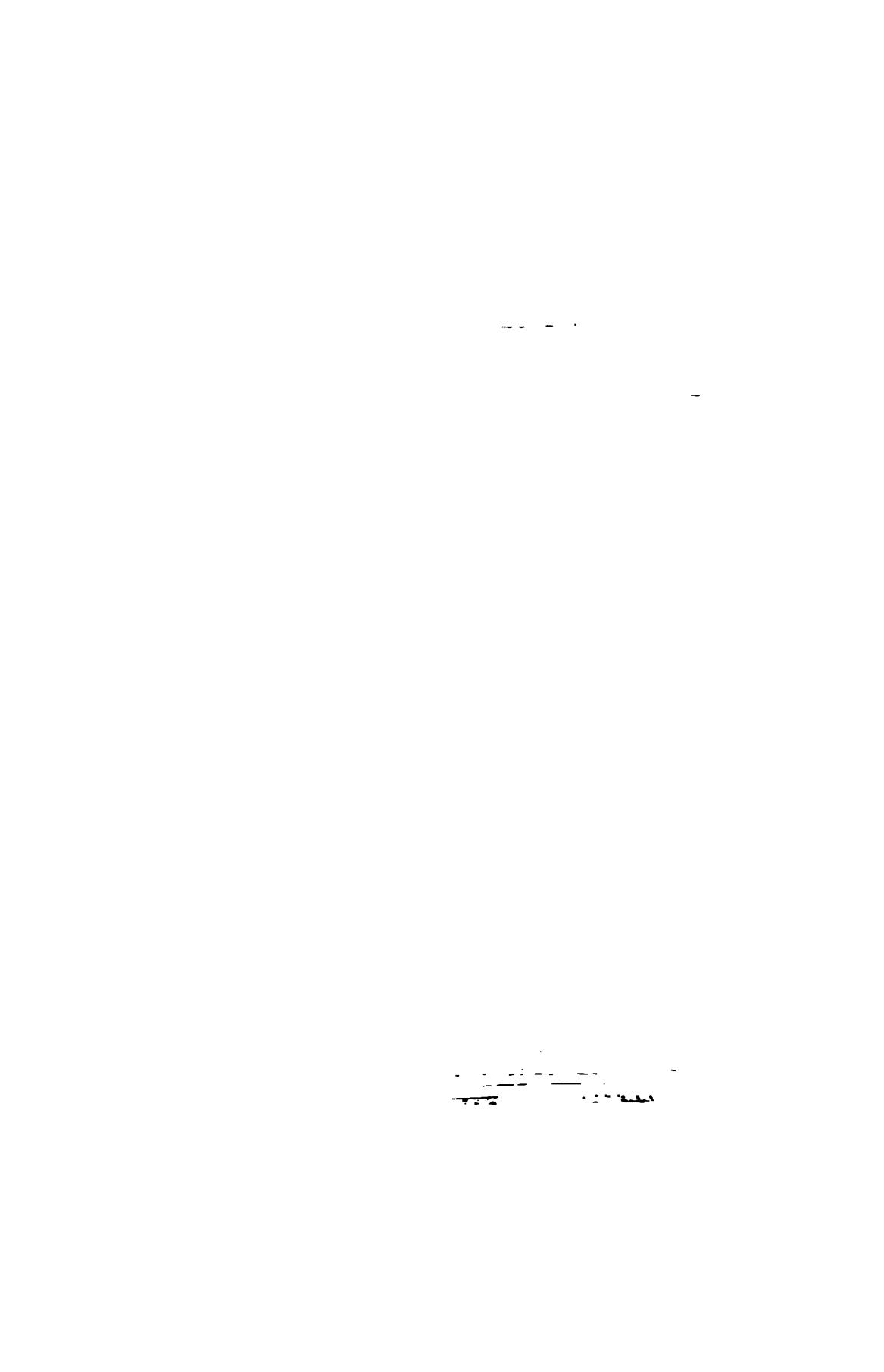
**St. AND Hospital, BLACKWELL, IOWA.**

**STATEMENT OF THE PROGRESSIVE STATE OF MASTICATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEGREE OF LIFE VIBRATION  
OF EACH PATIENT ADMITTED DURING 1879.**

Profession	Rotund Catholics	Leads	Wife Sons	Wife Daughters	Wife Children
<i>Can Read and Write well . . . . .</i>					
" " " Improperly . . . . .	64	77	3	14	174
" " " only . . . . .	345	438	6	67	410
" " " Uneducated . . . . .	306	937	2	50	1997
" " " Unascertained . . . . .	262	841	.....	32	1116
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>3944</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>1141</b>

**T.**  
**ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND, January 1, 1860.**  
**STATEMENT OF THE OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS ADMITTED DURING 1860, SHOWING THE TIME WHICH HAS ELAPSED SINCE THEY LAST FOLLOWED ANY EMPLOYMENT.**

OCCUPATIONS.	Worked Committed Until	TIME. Elapsed Since Last Employment.										TOTAL.
		6 Months.	9 Months.	1 Year.	1 Year.	2 Years.	3 Years.	4 Years.	5 Years.	6 Years.	7 Years.	
Bakers.....	8	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Barbers.....	1	1	10	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Blacksmiths.....	12	8	10	6	7	19	6	1	1	1	1	43
Boatmen.....	25	16	10	6	7	1	1	1	3	1	1	91
Bookbinders.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Brush Makers.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Butchers.....	4	6	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Carpenters.....	13	7	6	8	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	39
Carmen.....	9	2	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Clerks.....	18	2	1	1	1	6	1	1	3	2	1	94
Coopers.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Curriers.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Druggist.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Gardeners.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hatters.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jewellens.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Laborers.....	96	74	48	83	54	43	38	30	18	11	11	495
Machinists.....	4	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Masons.....	8	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	19
Painters.....	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
Printers.....	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
Sugar Makers.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Carried Forward.....	227	129	90	120	80	68	48	37	26	19	19	844



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**STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF TIMES THAT EACH PATIENT ADMITTED DURING 1859, HAS BEEN AN INMATE OF THE ISLAND HOSPITAL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH EACH FOLLOWED ANY EMPLOYMENT.**

## V.

ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

January 1st, 1860.

STATEMENT OF THE DURATION OF TREATMENT IN THE CASE OF EACH PATIENT DISCHARGED  
DURING 1859.

	White	Yellow	Mulatto	Colored	Total	Natives	Ex-patients
5 days and under . . . . .	137	278	1	4	414	110	206
6 " " to 10 days . . . . .	102	106	6	12	815	70	286
11 " " 20 " . . . . .	69	217	7	14	327	74	259
21 " " 30 " . . . . .	181	258	6	28	423	126	297
1 month to 2 months . . . . .	186	465	1	1	652	188	514
2 " " 3 " . . . . .	105	829	...	1	435	116	320
3 " " 4 " . . . . .	96	350	...	...	446	114	332
4 " and upward . . . . .	43	811	1	2	857	88	269
Helpers and Improper subjects . . . . .	13	15	...	...	28	5	23
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>2414</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>6608</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>2640</b>

W.

## ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

January 1st, 1860.

STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF TREATMENT IN THE CASE OF EACH PATIENT DISCHARGED  
DURING 1869.

	White Males.	White Females.	Colored Males.	Colored Females.	Total.	Natives.	Foreigners.
Cured.....	734	1869	14	48	2665	668	1997
Relieved.....	98	441	2	10	551	136	415
Not Relieved .....	16	23	1	2	42	11	31
Died.....	40	65	4	2	111	29	82
Transferred to other Institutions.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1
Helpers and Improper Subjects.....	13	15	.....	.....	28	5	23
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>2414</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3398</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>2549</b>

## X.

ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

January 1st, 1860.

STATEMENT OF THE DURATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RESULT OF TREATMENT IN THE CASE  
OF EACH PATIENT DISCHARGED DURING 1859.

	Cured.	Relieved.	Not Relieved.	Died.	Transferred.	Helpers.	Total.
5 days and under . . . . .	298	75	... . . . .	41	1	...	415
6 " " 10 days . . . . .	241	63	1	10	...	...	315
11 " " 20 " . . . . .	256	49	9	18	...	...	327
21 " " 30 " . . . . .	325	81	11	6	...	...	428
1 month to 2 months . . . . .	503	109	19	21	...	...	652
2 " " 3 " . . . . .	361	69	2	3	...	...	485
3 " " 4 " . . . . .	386	58	...	2	...	...	446
4 " and upward . . . . .	295	47	...	15	...	...	357
Helpers and Improper Subjects. . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	28	28
<b>Total. . . . .</b>	<b>2665</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3398</b>

V. ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND, JANUARY 1, 1860.  
Statement of Mortality at the Island Hospital during 1860, showing the Cause of Death, and the Hour at which Disease Occurred.

	MORNING.												AFTERNOON.											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Abscess.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Albuninuria.....																								2
Anemism, Rupture of.....																								3
Apoplexy.....																								1
Arachnitis.....																								1
Brain, Softening of.....																								1
Bronchitis.....																								1
Cancer.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Convulsions.....																								2
Coroners' Cases.....																								1
Debility.....																								3
Delirium Tremens.....																								4
Diarrhoea.....																								2
Dysentery.....																								2
Epilepsy.....																								2
Fryphelia.....																								1
Fever, Puerperal.....																								3
" Thyroid.....																								1
Heart, Hypertrophy of.....																								1
" Valvular Disease of.....																								1
Liver, Cirrhotis of.....																								1
" Fatty degeneration of.....																								2
Malaria.....																								3
Meningitis.....																								5
Paralysis.....																								1
Peritonitis.....																								1
Phtisis Pulmonalis.....																								39
Pneumonia.....																								3
" Pleuro.....																								4
" Typhoid.....																								3
Scorbutus.....																								3
TOTALS.....	8	7	10	4	4	4	2	5	4	4	7	..	4	5	7	3	8	4	3	2	8	3	11	

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE NET CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND, DURING 1859.					
	Net Total Expenses during 1859.	Average Expenses per week during 1859.	Proportion of Expense for each Patient treated (3839) (Average No. 382.)	Weekly Expense for each Patient (Average No. 383)	Daily Expense for each patient (Average No. 382.)
<b>MAINTENANCE—</b>					
Provisions	\$14,753	44	283	72,000	3
Clothing, Shoes, Beds, Bedding, &c.	2,540	58	48	85,731	..
Fire and Light	1,572	79	30	24,596	..
Soap, Culinary and Household Utensils, &c.	887	56	17	06,846	..
Incidental Expenses	436	96	8	38,385	..
<b>MEDICAL—</b>					
Medicines and Medical Sundries	1,573	84	30	26,615	..
Alcohol and Liquors	284	01	5	46,173	..
Vials, Boxes and Surgical Instruments	232	38	4	46,885	..
<b>SALARIES—</b>					
Amount of Salaries	4,473	36	86	02,615	1
Total for the Year 1858	26,753	92	614	49,846	6
Decrease in 1859	30,227	63	681	29,865	6
	3,473	61	66	80,019	..

## Aa.

ISLAND HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

January 1st, 1860.

## STATEMENT OF THE AMOUNT OF BILLS RENDERED TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION, NEW-YORK, DURING 1859,

*For the Medical Attendance and Board of those Patients who (having resided less than Five years in the United States,) are chargeable to the Emigration Fund.*

	Number Charged.	Time in Hospital.		Amount.
		Weeks.	Days.	
January.....	3	27	4	\$68 92
February.....	6	14	5	36 78
March .....	6	67	4	168 92
April .....	4	40	3	101 07
May.....	4	20	4	51 42
June .....	10	43	5	109 28
July .....	15	74	..	185 00
August.....	9	53	3	133 58
September.....	14	79	4	198 94
October.....	4	22	..	55 00
November.....	18	104	2	260 72
December.....	8	38	2	95 72
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$1465 35</b>

**A.**      **Small Pox Hospital, Blackwell's Island,**  
**January 1, 1860.**  
**GENERAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1859.**

**B.****SMALL POX HOSPITAL, B. I.,***January 1, 1860.***STATEMENT OF THE PLACE OF NATIVITY AND AGE OF EACH PATIENT UNDER TREATMENT DURING 1859.**

	1 year and under.	1 year to 5 years.	6 years to 10 years.	11 years to 20 yrs	21 years to 30 yrs.	31 years to 40 yrs.	41 years to 50 yrs.	TOTAL.
<b>NATIVES—</b>								
New-York.....	9	17	13	15	12	2	....	68
Maine.....	....	....	....	2	2	....	....	4
Massachusetts.....	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	2
Maryland.....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	2
New-Jersey.....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	2
Louisiana.....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1
North Carolina.....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1
Virginia.....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1
<b>FOREIGNERS—</b>								
Ireland.....	....	....	....	11	14	4	....	29
Germany.....	....	....	....	7	4	4	1	16
West Indies.....	....	1	1	2	1	1	....	6
England.....	....	....	....	2	3	....	....	5
Poland.....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1
Switzerland.....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>139</b>

## C.

SMALL POX HOSPITAL, B. I.,  
*January 1st, 1860.*

STATEMENT OF THE DISEASES CAUSING THE DEATH OF  
PATIENTS DURING 1859.

Confluent Small Pox.....	6
Pleuro-Pneumonia .....	2
Cholera Infantum .....	1
Hydrocephalus.....	1
Rubeola .....	1
Scrofula .....	1
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TOTAL.....	12

Ratio of Mortality from Small Pox in 1859,  $4\frac{3}{10}$  per cent.

Ratio of Mortality in 1858.....	$13\frac{5}{10}$	per cent.
" " 1857.....	12	"
" " 1856.....	$18\frac{9}{10}$	"
" " 1855.....	$18\frac{9}{10}$	"
" " 1854.....	$14\frac{7}{10}$	"
" " 1853.....	$23\frac{2}{10}$	"
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Mean ratio of Mortality for six years

(1853-1858).....	$16\frac{8}{10}$	"
Ratio of Mortality in 1859.....	$4\frac{3}{10}$	"
Decrease in ratio 1859.....	$12\frac{5}{10}$	

**D.**

SMALL POX HOSPITAL, B. I.,  
*January 1st, 1860.*

STATEMENT OF THE AGES OF PATIENTS WHO DIED DURING  
 1859.

1 year and under.....	2
1 " " 5 years.....	3
6 " " 10 " .....	1
11 " " 20 " .....	1
21 " " 30 " .....	4
31 " " 40 " .....	1
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TOTAL.....	12

**E.**

SMALL POX HOSPITAL, B. I.,  
*January 1st, 1860.*

STATEMENT OF THE TIME THAT PATIENTS WHO DIED IN 1859,  
 WERE UNDER TREATMENT.

From 3 days to 6 days.....	5
" 7 " 14 " .....	4
" 15 " 21 " .....	3
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TOTAL.....	12

## A.

ISLAND HOSPITAL, B. I.,

January 1, 1860.

STATEMENT  
OF THE  
DISEASES TREATED,

WITH THE MORTALITY IN THE ALMS HOUSE, BLACKWELL'S  
ISLAND, DURING THE YEAR 1859.

DISEASES.	Treated.	Died.	DISEASES.	Treated.	Died.
Abortion .....	2	...	Brain, Softening of...	2	2
Abscess .....	235	1	Bronchitis, Chronic..	610	...
Acne .....	1	...	Burns .....	14	...
Adenitis.....	48	...	Cancer.....	31	6
Albuminuria.....	28	2	Cholera Infantum....	89	2
Amaurosis .....	21	...	Cholera Morbus.....	162	1
Amenorrhœa.....	19	...	Chorea.....	5	...
Anasarca.....	4	1	Conjunctivitis.....	286	...
Anchylosis.....	2	...	Convulsions.....	6	2
Anthrax .....	51	...	Corneitis.....	1	...
Anæmia .....	4	...	Coroner's Cases.....	16	16
Aphtha.....	3	...	Cystitis .....	2	...
Apoplexy.....	5	5	Carbuncle.....	15	...
Ascites .....	5	2	Debauch .....	186	...
Asthma .....	123	...	Debility .....	213	14
Atrophy .....	1	1	Delirium Tremens....	21	...

DISEASES.	Treated.	Die.	DISEASES.	Treated.	Die.
Diarrhoea.....	1189	26	Liver, Cirrhosis of....	8	3
Dysentery.....	198	5	" Fatty degeneration of.....	4	4
Eczema.....	73	...	Marasmus .....	96	15
Enteritis.....	6	...	Meningitis.....	1	1
Entropion.....	8	...	Menorrhagia.....	28	...
Epilepsy.....	125	4	Necrosis.....	2	...
Erysipelas.....	59	...	Nephritis.....	7	...
Fever, Intermittent.....	150	...	Neuralgia.....	15	...
" Remittent.....	43	...	Ophthalmia.....	166	...
Fistula in Ano .....	2	...	Orchitis.....	2	...
Fractures.....	20	...	Otitis.....	4	...
Frost Bite.....	1	...	Otorrhoea.....	10	...
Furuncles.....	18	...	Paralysis.....	64	8
Gangrene.....	7	6	Paronychia.....	35	...
Gastritis.....	11	1	Parotitis.....	5	...
Granular Lids and Vascular Cornea .....	35	...	Pericarditis.....	1	...
Heart, Hypertrophy of " Valvular disease of.....	26	...	Peritonitis.....	2	1
Hemorrhage.....	1	1	Pertussis .....	58	...
Hemorrhoids.....	197	...	Pharyngitis.....	1	1
Hepatitis.....	14	...	Phthisis Pulmonalis .....	686	85
Hernia.....	86	...	Pleurisy .....	60	2
Herpes .....	20	...	Pleurodynia .....	14	...
Hydrocephalus .....	87	8	Pneumonia .....	47	8
Hydrothorax.....	4	1	" Pleuro .....	12	...
Hysteria.....	13	...	" Typhoid .....	1	1
Icterus.....	24	3	Porrigo Favosa .....	1	...
Impetigo.....	14	...	Prolapsus Uteri .....	2	...
Injuries.....	204	...	Psoriasis .....	4	...
Iritis .....	14	...	Rheumatism, Chronic .....	433	...
Kidney's, Fatty degeneration of.....	1	1	Rubeola.....	10	...
Laryngitis .....	1	...	Rupia .....	18	...
Leucorrhœa .....	1	...	Scabies .....	119	...
			Scalds .....	13	1
			Sclerotitis .....	3	...
			Scorbutus .....	21	...

DISEASES.	Treated.	Died.	DISEASES.	Treated.	Died.
Scrofula.....	121	...	Tabes Mesenterica .....	31	2
Senectus.....	29	29	Tonsillitis .....	16	...
Stomatitis.....	45	...	Ulcers .....	1026	1
Stricture of Urethra..	20	...	Urine, Incontinence of.	1	...
Synovitis.....	32	...	Varicella.....	7	...
Syphilis, Secondary...	20	...	Varicose Veins.....	47	...
"    Tertiary....	123	1			

Total number of Deaths..... 284

Ratio of Mortality on cases treated...  $\underline{\underline{3\frac{3}{10}}}$  per cent.

Total number of Deaths, 1858..... 393

" " " " 1859..... 284

Decreased number of Deaths, 1859... 109

Ratio of Mortality on cases treated 1858, 4 per cent.

" " " " 1859,  $\underline{\underline{3\frac{3}{10}}}$  "

Decreased ratio of Mortality..... 1859,  $\underline{\underline{\frac{7}{10}}}$  "



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**59.**

### DISEASES.

	Males.	Females.
Abscess.....	.....	1
Albuminuria .....	1	1
Anasarca.....	1	.....
Apoplexy.....	4	1
Ascites.....	1	1

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ISLAND HOSPITAL, B. I.,  
*January 1st, 1860.*

SUMMARY OF THE MORTALITY AT THE ALMS HOUSE, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND, DURING 1859.

		TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS.	
SEX.	Males.....	162	284
	Females.....	122	
NATIVITY.	Natives .....	105	284
	Foreigners .....	179	
AGE.	Under 1 year.....	47	284
	1 year to 5 years.....	16	
	6 " " 10 "	..	
	11 " " 20 "	6	
	21 " " 30 "	19	
	31 " " 40 "	35	
	41 " " 50 "	38	
	51 " " 60 "	43	
	61 " " 70 "	48	
	71 " " 80 "	19	
	81 " " 90 "	10	
	91 " and upward.....	3	
WHENCE RECEIVED.	New-York City.....	247	284
	Bellevue Hospital.....	31	
	Institutions on Blackwell's Island.....	6	
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN ALMS HOUSE.	Under 3 days.....	14	284
	3 days to 6 days.....	15	
	6 " " 10 "	19	
	10 " " 20 "	24	
	20 " " 30 "	18	
	1 month to 2 months.....	28	
	2 " " 3 "	34	
	3 " " 4 "	19	
	4 " " 5 "	15	
	5 " " 6 "	10	
	6 " " 7 "	16	
	7 " " 8 "	7	
	8 " " 9 "	6	
	9 " " 10 "	5	
	10 " " 11 "	4	
	11 " " 12 "	5	
	1 year and upward.....	45	284

ISLAND HOSPITAL, B. L.

January 1st, 1860.

## STATEMENT

of

## DISEASES TREATED,

WITH MORTALITY IN WORK HOUSE, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,  
DURING 1859.

DISEASES.	Treated.	DISEASES.		Treated.	Died.
		1	2		
Abortion.....	1			Chorea .....	3
Albemon.....	56			Conjunctivitis.....	28
Adenitis.....	28			Coroner's Cases.....	12
Albuminuria.....	9	1		Debauch.....	1066
Amenorrhœa.....	86			Debility.....	18
Anæmia.....	17			Delirium Tremens....	51
Anasarca.....	5			Diabetes.....	1
Anæsthesia.....	2			Diarrœa.....	389
Asthma.....	24			Dysentery.....	92
Brain, Compression of.....	1	1		Ecthyma.....	1
" Softening of.....	1	1		Eczema.....	12
Bronchitis, Chronic.....	169			Epilepsy.....	37
Burns.....	19			Erysipelas.....	2
Carbuncle.....	1			Fever, Intermittent..	65
Cholera Infantum.....	10	1		Fracture.....	2
Cholera Morbus.....	38			Gastritis.....	15

DISEASES.	Treated.	Died.	DISEASES.	Treated.	Died.
Gonorrhœa.....	12	...	Otitis .....	11	...
Heart, Valvular Disease of.....	7	3	Otorrhœa.....	3	...
Hemoptysis.....	4	...	Ovaritis.....	1	...
Hemorrhoids.....	56	...	Paralysis.....	2	...
Hepatitis.....	3	...	Paronychia.....	45	...
Hernia.....	1	...	Parturition.....	1	...
Herpes.....	9	...	Peritonitis.....	2	...
Hydrocephalus.....	1	1	Pertussis.....	16	...
Hysteria.....	1	...	Phthisis Pulmonalis..	275	6
Icterus.....	16	...	Pleurisy.....	14	...
Impetigo.....	8	...	Pleurodynia.....	2	...
Injuries.....	169	...	Pneumonia.....	4	...
Iritis.....	1	...	Psoriasis, Syphilitic..	6	...
Kidneys, Fatty Degeneration of.....	1	1	Rheumatism, Chronic.	375	...
Liver, Cirrhosis of.....	1	1	Scabies.....	21	...
" Fatty Degeneration of.....	1	1	Scorbutus.....	17	3
Marasmus.....	8	5	Senectus.....	1	1
Meningitis.....	1	1	Syphilis, Secondary..	60	...
Menorrhagia.....	8	...	" Tertiary.....	18	...
Neuralgia.....	36	...	Tonsillitis.....	24	...
Ophthalmia.....	14	...	Ulcers.....	484	...
			Urine, Incontinence of .....	2	...
			Varicella.....	19	...

Number of Deaths..... 42

Ratio of Mortality on cases treated .....  $1\frac{1}{10}$  per cent.

ISLAND HOSPITAL, B. I.

January 1, 1860.

STATEMENT  
OF  
DISEASES TREATED,

WITH THE MORTALITY, IN THE PENITENTIARY, BLACKWELL'S  
ISLAND, DURING 1859.

DISEASES.	Treat'd.	Died	DISEASES.	Treat'd.	Died
Abortion.....	1		Cholera Morbus.....	5	
Abcess.....	54		Condylomata.....	3	
Adenitis.....	34		Conjunctivitis.....	25	
Albuminuria.....	7	1	Coroner's Cases.....	5	5
Amaurosis.....	1		Cystitis.....	7	
Amenorrhœa.....	37		Debauch.....	7	
Anæmia.....	2		Debility.....	1	
Anthrax.....	3		Delirium Tremens.....	5	
Aphthæ.....	1		Diarrœa.....	123	
Apoplexy.....	1		Dysentery.....	35	
Asthma.....	15		Ecthyma.....	5	
Bronchitis, Chronic.....	49		Eczema.....	15	
Bubo.....	22		Epilepsy.....	8	
Burns.....	2		Erysipelas.....	7	
Carbuncle.....	3		Fever, Congestive.....	1	1
Cervix Uteri, Inflammation of.....	3		“ Intermittent.....	38	
Cervix Uteri, Ulceration of.....	5		“ Puerperal.....	1	1
			“ Typhoid.....	3	1
			Fracture.....	4	

DISEASES.	Treated	Died	DISEASES.	Treated	Died
Furuncles .....	14	..	Orchitis.....	13	..
Gastralgia.....	3	..	Otitis !.....	6	..
Gastritis .....	10	..	Otorrhæa.....	6	..
Gonorrhœa.....	180	..	Paralysis.....	5	..
Granular Lids and Vascular Cornea.....	15	..	Paronychia.....	31	..
Heart, Valvular Disease of.....	1	..	Pertussis.....	1	..
Hemorrhoids.....	82	..	Phthisis Pulmonalis.....	118	5
Hepatitis .....	1	..	Pleurisy .....	19	..
Hernia.....	11	..	Pleurodynia.....	9	..
Herpes.....	9	..	Pneumonia.....	20	1
Hysteria.....	4	..	Porrigo Favosa.....	4	..
Icterus .....	11	..	Psoriasis, Syphilitic .....	1	..
Impetigo .....	7	..	Rheumatism, Chronic .....	55	..
Injuries.....	246	..	Scabies .....	21	..
Iritis .....	3	..	Scorbutus.....	1	..
Leucorrhœa .....	2	..	Scofula .....	9	..
Liver, Cirrhosis of.....	1	1	Still Born .....	..	1
Menorrhagia .....	12	..	Stricture of Urethra .....	2	..
Metritis .....	1	..	Synovitis .....	6	..
Necrosis .....	2	..	Syphilis, Primary .....	191	..
Nephritis .....	2	..	“ Secondary .....	202	..
Neuralgia .....	11	..	“ Tertiary .....	13	..
Edema .....	1	..	Syphilitic Vegetations .....	13	..
Ophthalmia .....	15	..	Tonsillitis .....	18	..
			Ulcers .....	189	..

Number of Deaths.....17

Ratio of Mortality on cases treated,  $0\frac{2}{10}$  per cent.

BLAIRD HOSPITAL, B. L.

JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1859.

ADMISSIONS STATEMENT

DISEASES TREATED

IN THE BLAIRD HOSPITAL, PHILADELPHIA, ACROSS BIRCH AND WOOD  
HOTEL BLACKWELL'S BLAIRD, DURING THE YEAR 1859.

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>Adm'd</u>	<u>Re-adm'd</u>	<u>Affl'd</u>	<u>Rel'd</u>	<u>Disch'd</u>
Abortion	15	1	2	1	7
Abcess	45	24	235	57	383
Acne	51	1	1	1	5
Adenitis	25	14	45	21	142
Albuminuria	1	1	23	5	46
Amaurosis	35	1	21	1	35
Amemorrhia	36	21	19	36	128
Anæmia	10	12	4	17	33
Anæsthesia	2	1	4	2	11
Anchylosis	1	1	2	1	2
Aneurism	5	1	1	1	5
Amhrax	1	3	51	1	54
Aphtha.	1	1	3	1	4
Apoplexy	2	1	5	1	8
Arachnitis	1	1	1	1	1
Ascites	8	1	5	2	15
Asthma	4	15	123	24	166
Atrophy	1	1	1	1	1
Balanitis	18	1	1	1	18

DISEASES.	Inand Hos. pital.	Pension- ary.	Alm. Hous.	Work Hous.	TOTAL
Brain, Compression of .....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
" Softening of .....	1	.....	2	1	4
Bronchitis .....	125	49	610	169	953
Buboës .....	226	22	.....	.....	248
Burns .....	17	2	14	19	52
Cancer .....	4	.....	31	.....	35
Carbuncle .....	1	3	15	1	20
Caries .....	3	.....	.....	.....	3
Cervix Uteri, Hypertrophy of..	26	.....	.....	.....	26
" " Inflammation of..	36	3	.....	.....	39
" " Induration of..	4	.....	.....	.....	4
" " Induration and Ulceration of..	6	.....	.....	.....	6
" " Ulceration of .....	294	5	.....	.....	299
Cholera Infantum .....	.....	.....	89	10	99
Cholera Morbus .....	7	5	162	38	212
Chorea .....	.....	.....	5	3	8
Condylomata .....	62	3	.....	.....	65
Conjunctivitis .....	53	25	286	28	392
Constipation .....	17	.....	.....	.....	17
Convulsions .....	1	.....	6	.....	7
Corneitis .....	6	.....	1	.....	7
Coroner's Cases .....	10	5	16	12	43
Cystitis .....	2	7	2	.....	11
Debauch .....	724	7	186	1066	1983
Debility .....	21	1	213	18	253
Delirium Tremens .....	180	5	21	51	257
Diabetes .....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Diarrhoea .....	150	123	1139	389	1801
Dysentery .....	34	35	193	92	354
Ecthyma .....	1	5	.....	1	7
Eczema .....	9	15	73	12	109
Enteritis .....	4	.....	6	.....	10
Entrepion .....	.....	.....	8	.....	8
Epilepsy .....	24	8	125	87	194
Erysipelas .....	56	7	59	2	124

DISEASES	Inland Hs plai.	Pinkie- salty.	Ains. House.	Work House.	TOTAL.
Fever, Congestive .....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
" Intermittent.....	60	38	150	65	313
" Puerperal .....	3	1	.....	.....	4
" Remittent.....	2	.....	43	.....	45
" Typhoid.....	3	3	.....	.....	6
" Typhus.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Fistula in Ano.....	2	.....	2	.....	4
" Recto-Vaginal .....	8	.....	.....	.....	8
Fracture .....	20	4	20	2	46
Frost Bite.....	8	.....	1	.....	9
Furuncles.....	6	14	13	.....	33
Gangrene.....	2	.....	7	.....	9
Gastralgia.....	.....	3	.....	.....	3
Gastritis.....	35	10	11	15	71
Gonorrhœa.....	220	130	.....	12	362
Granular Lids and Vascular					
Cornea.....	6	15	35	.....	56
Heart, Hypertrophy of.....	10	.....	26	.....	36
" Valvular Disease of.....	11	1	19	7	38
Hematemesis .....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Hemoptysis.....	4	.....	.....	4	8
Hemorrhage.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1
Hemorrhoids .....	38	32	197	56	323
Hepatitis.....	4	1	14	3	22
Hernia.....	7	11	36	1	55
Herpes.....	7	9	20	9	45
Hydrocephalus.....	.....	.....	37	1	38
Hydrothorax.....	.....	.....	4	.....	4
Hysteria.....	11	4	13	1	29
Icterus.....	15	11	24	16	66
Impetigo.....	12	7	14	8	41
Injuries.....	190	246	204	169	809
Iritis.....	33	3	14	1	51
Kidney, Fatty Degeneration of .....	.....	.....	1	1	2
Laryngitis.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1
Leucorrhœa.....	55	2	1	.....	58

DISEASES.	Island Hos. pital.	Penten- tary's	Ains House.	Work House.	TOTAL.
Liver, Cirrhosis of.....	1	1	3	1	6
" Fatty Degeneration of.....	2	4	1	1	7
Marasmus .....	3	96	8		107
Meningitis.....	5	1	1	1	7
Menorrhagia.....	31	12	23	8	74
Metritis.....	3	1	.....	.....	4
Necrosis.....	5	2	2	.....	9
Nephritis.....	2	2	7	.....	11
Neuralgia.....	19	11	15	36	81
Œdema.....	22	1	.....	.....	23
Ophthalmia.....	12	15	166	14	207
Orchitis.....	30	13	2	.....	45
Otitis .....	12	6	4	11	33
Otorrhœa.....	6	6	10	3	25
Ovaritis.....	3	.....	.....	1	4
Paralysis.....	7	5	64	2	78
Paronychia .....	19	31	35	45	130
Parotitis.....	1	.....	5	.....	6
Parturition.....	27	.....	.....	1	28
Pericarditis.....	4	.....	1	.....	5
Periostitus.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Peritonitis.....	6	.....	2	2	10
Pertussis.....	.....	1	58	16	75
Pharyngitis .....	.....	.....	1	.....	1
Phagadoenic Chancre.....	66	.....	.....	.....	66
Phthisis Pulmonalis.....	171	118	686	275	1250
Pityriasis .....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Phymosis Congenital.....	13	.....	.....	.....	13
Pleuritis.....	41	19	60	14	134
Pleurodynia.....	17	9	14	2	42
Pneumonia.....	43	20	47	4	114
" Pleuro .....	6	.....	12	.....	18
" Typhoid.....	4	.....	1	.....	5
Porrido Favosa.....	7	4	1	.....	12
Prolapsus Uteri.....	8	.....	2	.....	10
Psoriasis, Syphilitic.....	48	1	4	6	59

DISEASES.	Inland Hos. pital.	Peak- dairy.	Ains House.	Work House.	TOTAL.
Ptyalism.....	3	...	...	...	3
Rheumatism .....	223	55	433	375	1086
Rubeola .....	...	...	10	...	10
Rupia.....	31	...	18	...	49
Scabies.....	27	21	119	21	188
Scalds.....	...	...	13	...	13
Sclerotitis.....	1	...	3	...	4
Scorbutus.....	36	1	21	17	75
Scrofula.....	9	9	121	...	139
Senectus.....	...	...	29	1	30
Stomatitis.....	...	...	45	...	45
Stricture of Urethra.....	18	2	20	...	40
Synovitis.....	14	6	32	...	52
Syphilis, Primary .....	850	191	...	...	1041
" Secondary .....	404	202	20	60	686
" Tertiary .....	75	13	123	18	229
Syphilitic Vegetations.....	82	13	...	...	95
Tabes Mesenterica.....	...	...	31	...	31
Tonsillitis .....	16	18	16	24	74
Ulcers .....	232	189	1026	434	1881
Urine, Incontinence of .....	3	...	1	2	6
" Retention of .....	1	...	...	...	1
Vaginitis .....	38	...	...	...	38
Varicella .....	...	...	7	19	26
Varicose Veins .....	6	...	47	...	58

## CITY CEMETERY.

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*To the Governors of the Alms-House:*

GENTLEMEN,—The following is respectfully submitted  
as the Annual Report of the City Cemetery and Farm-  
House :

Admitted during the year as per table annexed :

	MEN.	WOMEN.
Remaining Dec. 31st, 1858.....	31	10
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Discharged.....	10	2
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Remaining Dec. 31st, 1859,.....	21	8
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Interments in City Cemetery during the year 1858..	2,686	
do.  do.                                do.                                1859..	2,278	<hr/>
Decrease during the year.....	408	

I would further state, that in the past year we have  
buried 1,800 boxes sent here from old Potter's Field, each

box containing, on an average, the remains of twelve bodies, making the total 21,600; and we are now employed at the same work, which probably may continue for the year, at the same time I keep a gang of the men steadily employed in digging trenches.

I would most respectfully call your attention to the importance of being furnished with a yoke of oxen, for the purpose of drawing the rocks that I had blasted, off of the fields; and also to cultivate, at least, ground enough to supply the inmates of the Farm-House with vegetables. With this you will find a table marked A, showing the total weekly interments in the City Cemetery during the year.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

WM. O. WEBB, *Superintendent.*

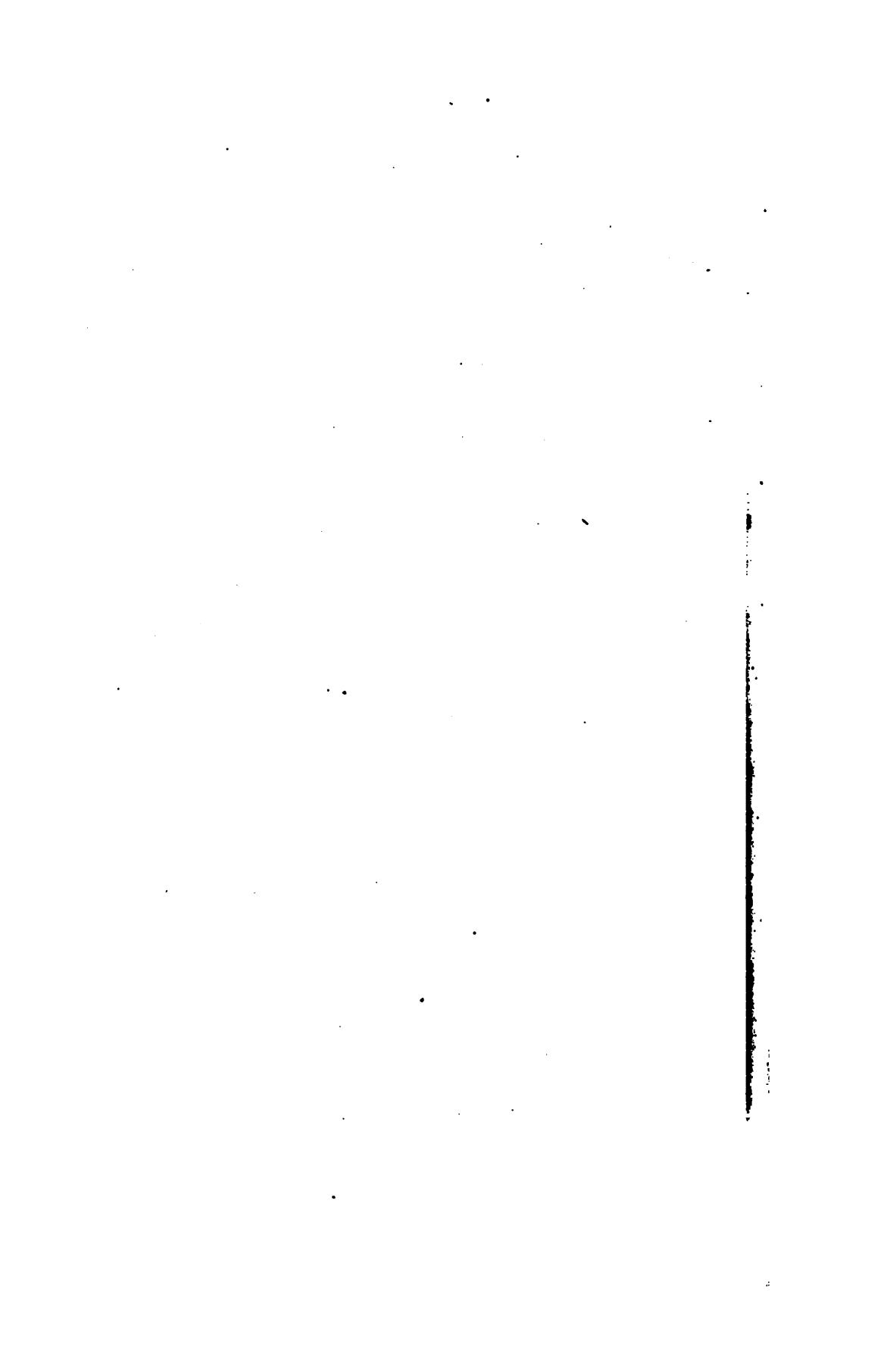
*City Cemetery, Ward's Island,*

*January 10th, 1860.*

# The Number o

*From*

DATES.	Men.	Women.	Boys.
From 1st January to 7th January.....	15	11	21
" " "			



## CITY PRISON.

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HALLS OF JUSTICE,  
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1st, 1860.

*the Honorable the BOARD OF  
GOVERNORS of the Alms House :*

MENLEMEN:—In accordance with the resolution of  
r Honorable Board, that part of the Alms House De-  
ment of this City, that is under my care, the Medical  
artment of the City Prisons, it is satisfactory to me to  
gratulate you on the salubrity of this item of the Alms  
use Department. Its location with its disadvantages  
ld excite both surprise and gratification, that it is so  
from pestilential diseases, that so few deaths occur  
pared with the number incarcerated ; no deaths from  
ase originating in the Prison having occurred during  
year 1859.

The total amount of commitments to the City Prison  
or and its several branches are (42,007) forty-two  
sand and seven.

The following tabular statement exhibits the number of deaths and the diseases to which they may be attributed, as follows:

Apoplexy .....	2
Exhaustion from Intemperance.....	21
Congestion of Brain .....	8
Delirium Tremens.....	6
Poison.....	1
Injury .....	2
Congestion of the Lungs.....	2
Convulsions .....	2
Sun Stroke.....	1
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Total number of deaths.....	45

This Prison is still a receptacle for the really and supposed to be Insane, the number of whom are steadily on the increase yearly: during the past year there has been sent here, for examination, (856) eight hundred and fifty-six persons, male and female, who have been carefully attended to, and the following disposition made of them:

Sent to Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island .....	180
Discharged Cured .....	302
Sent to Alms House.....	53
"    Workhouse .....	166
"    Ward's Island, Commissioners of Emigration.	33

Out of the County as non-residents .....	41
To Bellevue Hospital.....	27
" Colored Home .....	2
Died .....	45
Sent to Penitentiary as vagrants .....	3
Lunatic Asylum, Bloomingdale .....	4
	—
	856

With regard to the Insane sent here for examination, especial care has been taken to discriminate between those who are really chargeable to these Institutions, and those who are not; and it will be observed, by reference to the table of disposals, that (41) forty-one have been sent to those counties to which they properly belong.

There has been, fortunately, a lesser number of confinements and premature births than last year, their numbering only (4) four, and which have been, as the law directs, duly reported to the City Inspector.

In case of the deaths of persons whose history could not be ascertained, or where the cause of death has been doubtful, the Coroners have been notified of the fact, and those unfortunate cases duly attended to by those gentlemen.

I must again urge what I recommended in my last report, and what, from many years experience in my present

capacity, I regard as of the utmost importance, that more attention should be paid to the state of those who meet with accidents and require *immediate* attention. They are brought here in a *moribund* condition, which frequently simulates intoxication: Why should not those persons be conveyed to the nearest Station house, and there be temporarily cared for by the Police Surgeons, and if deemed fit subjects for imprisonment, or fitter for hospital treatment, be disposed of according to their necessities; by adopting these measures much suffering would be prevented.

I beg to represent to your Honorable Board, that the labors of my position, as your Medical Officer, are from the increasing number of incarcerations (as you will perceive by the statistics) constantly on the increase, and yearly rendered more onerous, taxing my energies to the utmost.

I beg to return my thanks for the promptness with which you have responded to my requisitions, and thereby materially aided me in the performance of my duties.

Before I close this report I must beg to congratulate you on the appointment of Mr. Charles Sutton, as your Warden, his vigilance, promptness of action, and the sanitary improvements that he has made, and the kind-

ness to your Physician that he has invariably shown can not fail to elicit my warmest thanks to himself, and also to his subordinates.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. C. COVIL,

*Physician City Prison.*

## CITY PRISON.

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NEW-YORK, January 1st, 1860.

*To the GOVERNORS of the Alms House :*

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your orders, I submit a brief report of the condition of the Prisons under my charge, and present such suggestions as appear to me to be worthy of your consideration.

It is now, just one year since I entered upon the duties of Warden of the City Prisons. By your authority, and with the concurrence of the efficient and assiduous Committee on City Prisons of your Board, I have caused to be made with the aid of prison labor, as far as practicable, various alterations in the prisons under my charge, among which has been the covering of the entire roof of the main prison, with a substantial coat of India Rubber paint, which has fully answered the purpose desired.

The old and dilapidated sky-lights in the same roof, have been replaced by new ones. The roof of the old

Station-house, and the roof of the Female Prison, which were greatly out of repair, have been put in good order. The Male and Female Prisons have been painted throughout by prison labor. The principal office has been neatly painted and papered, making it, in its gloomy location, present a much less dismal and more agreeable appearance.

A long row of closets, for books and papers, has been constructed (and placed in a dry, convenient and secure place) of sufficient capacity to contain the accumulated books for the past ten years, as well as for ten years to come, the absence of which heretofore, is doubtless the reason of the misplacement of all the papers of this Department, of an earlier date than 1849.

The large water or waste pipes in the rear of each cell were found to sweat, and occasion dampness in the cells, to remedy which, the pipes in each cell have been neatly inclosed in brick, and covered by a substantial plank, at once preventing the disagreeable dampness, and affording what was before much needed ; a convenient seat for the inmates.

A new sleeping apparatus has been introduced to a limited extent, at once simple, convenient and economical, superseding entirely the use of bedsteads or boards, and

occupying such an inconsiderable space, as to afford much more room for exercise for the prisoner in the cell. I respectfully and earnestly recommend, that each cell be supplied with this hammock contrivance, and, by following the plan adopted on board naval vessels—removing them every morning and replacing them every evening—I am confident that the health, cleanliness and comfort of the prisoners will be greatly promoted, and the security of the keepers increased; while the expenses for bedding will be greatly diminished. The slates placed over the door of each cell, with the name of the occupant of the cell upon it, is found to supply a want much needed by visitors, and amply to compensate for the small cost of placing them there.

The old Station-house has been repaired, and is now believed to be entirely safe, the upper part is now used as a Boys' Prison, so as to keep them separated from those who are older in crime.

At the suggestion of a benevolent lady, Mrs. Starr, who has generously contributed 300 valuable volumes for the purpose, an attempt has been made with considerable success to establish a library for the use of the prisoners; in this effort your Warden has been also generously assisted by Mr. Evans, Mr. Winthrop and others. It is hoped, that this undertaking will meet with the hearty co-opera-

tion of the benevolent that its importance demands. A suitable book-case has already been constructed, and placed in a convenient location. The prisoners, generally, are eager for reading matter, and by this means, an excellent opportunity is afforded to instil into the minds of those confined in prison, wholesome lessons or instruction, by the establishment of a library of good books upon Morality, Religion, History, Biography, Travels, Arts, Science, Political Economy, &c., &c.

Strenuous efforts have been made within the year to make and keep the prison clean, and free from that horrid and filthy prison odor, almost inseparable from the peculiar situation of the City Prison or Tombs. In addition to the low ground occupied by the prison, the fact that nearly all the prisoners are simply committed to await trial, adds much to the difficulty of procuring the necessary and suitable help to accomplish this desirable end ; in addition to which is the circumstance, that so many and such frequent admissions of the runken, filthy, and wretched who are but temporarily committed, who scarcely get clean and sober, before they are out again, to return in a few days as badly off, if not worse than before, makes it next to impossible to keep their apartments in a tolerably decent condition. Baths, of which we have none, are much needed, for both the Male and Female Departments, they can be constructed without a large expenditure, and

their advantages are as incalculable as they are indispensable. I have to invite the attention of your Honorable Board to the boiler in the Cook-house, the security of which I am informed by a competent engineer, whose opinion on the subject I have solicited, needs the addition of a force pump to keep it sufficiently supplied with water, owing mainly to the unskilful help in charge of the same. I have also to suggest, the enlargement or increase of steam-heating pipes, the present pipes failing, adequately, to heat the prison.

The increased number of female prisoners renders the present accommodations too small. I therefore suggest, that a portion of the yard of Male prison be added to the Female Department.

The Second District Prison is in good order, except that a portion of the wood flooring should be replaced by stone, to prevent rats from disturbing the prisoners.

The Third District Prison is also in good order.

The Fourth District Prison is too small for the greatly increased business of the District.

The undersigned would call the attention of the Governors to the mode of conveying the prisoners from the Second and Third District Prisons to the Black Maria,

which being done in the public street, occasions excitement, and a crowd which is often hazardous to those in charge, as well as revolting and disgusting to the bystanders. It is suggested, that provisions be made to allow the vehicle to drive within the prison enclosure to receive its degraded and unhappy passengers.

In concluding this rapid survey of the prisons under my charge, permit me to remark, that if my administration of the duties in which you have placed me, has been at all successful, its success and efficiency are largely attributable to the valuable assistance of the competent and attentive Clerk, Mr. Whitmore, and his Assistant, J. Finley, and also the truly and worthy Keepers by whom I have been surrounded, as well as the hearty and continued co-operation of the Committee.

The statistical tables of the accompanying Report exhibit an increase, in the number of commitments during the year past, of nearly twenty per cent. over the number committed during the year preceding, amounting, in the aggregate, to the hitherto unprecedented number of forty-two thousand and seven.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. SUTTON,

*Warden.*

Table A.

FIRST DISTRICT PRISON, (Halls of Justice.)	White Males.	White Females	Black Males	Black Females	Total.
Number remaining in First District Prison, January 1st, 1859.....	275	148	15	5	438
Received during the year....	17,398	13,051	433	353	31,235
	17,673	13,194	448	358	31,673
During the year have been } Discharged .....	15,074	10,209	310	296	25,889
Deceased.....	38	6	1	0	45
Sent to Blackwell's Island...	2,258	2,867	119	59	5,303
Sent to State's Prison.....	101	16	6	0	123
Remaining in Prison, December 31st, 1859.....	202	96	12	3	313
	17,673	13,194	448	358	31,673
In addition to the number received at the First District Prison, viz.....	17,398	13,051	433	353	31,235
There were discharged from the Second District Prison, (at Jefferson Market).....	3,178	1,584	50	61	4,873
Sent to Blackwell's Island...	64	161	2	0	227
Discharged from Third District Prison, (Essex Market).....	2,992	599	36	20	3,647
Sent to Blackwell's Island...	291	375	3	7	676
Discharged from Fourth District Prison, (Yorkville).....	1,051	234	3	2	1,290
Sent to Blackwell's Island...	37	21	0	1	59
	25,011	16,025	527	444	42,007

Burglary.....
Carrying Unlawful Weapons.....
Conspiracy to Defraud.....
Constructive Larceny.....
Contempt of Court.....
Counterfeiting, Coin.....
Without offence being specified.....
Witnesses (in State Courts) .....
" (in U. S. Courts) .....
Total.....

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Table B.

	Males.	Females	TOTAL.
<b>NATIVITY.</b>			
Number received who were Natives ...	6,422	3,266	9,688
"    "    "    Foreigners...	19,116	13,203	32,319
	25,538	16,469	42,007
<b>SOCIAL RELATIONS.</b>			
Number received who were Married....	10,324	5,713	16,037
"    "    "    Single.....	14,092	8,557	22,649
"    "    "    Widowed ...	485	1,355	1,840
"    "    whose Social Rela- } tions were un- } known..... } <td>637</td> <td>844</td> <td>1,481</td>	637	844	1,481
	25,538	16,469	42,007
<b>HABITS OF LIFE.</b>			
Number received who were of Tem- } perate Habits..... }	4,624	1,957	6,581
Number received who were of Intem- } perate Habits..... }	20,914	14,512	35,426
	25,538	16,469	42,007
<b>DEGREE OF EDUCATION.</b>			
Number received who could not Read...	6,122	9,339	15,461
"    "    who could Read only..	1,184	2,081	3,268
"    "    who could Read and } Write..... }	14,994	3,617	18,611
"    "    who were well Edu- } cated..... }	2,645	472	3,117
"    "    whose degree of Edu- } cation was un- } known..... }	593	960	1,553
	25,538	16,469	42,007

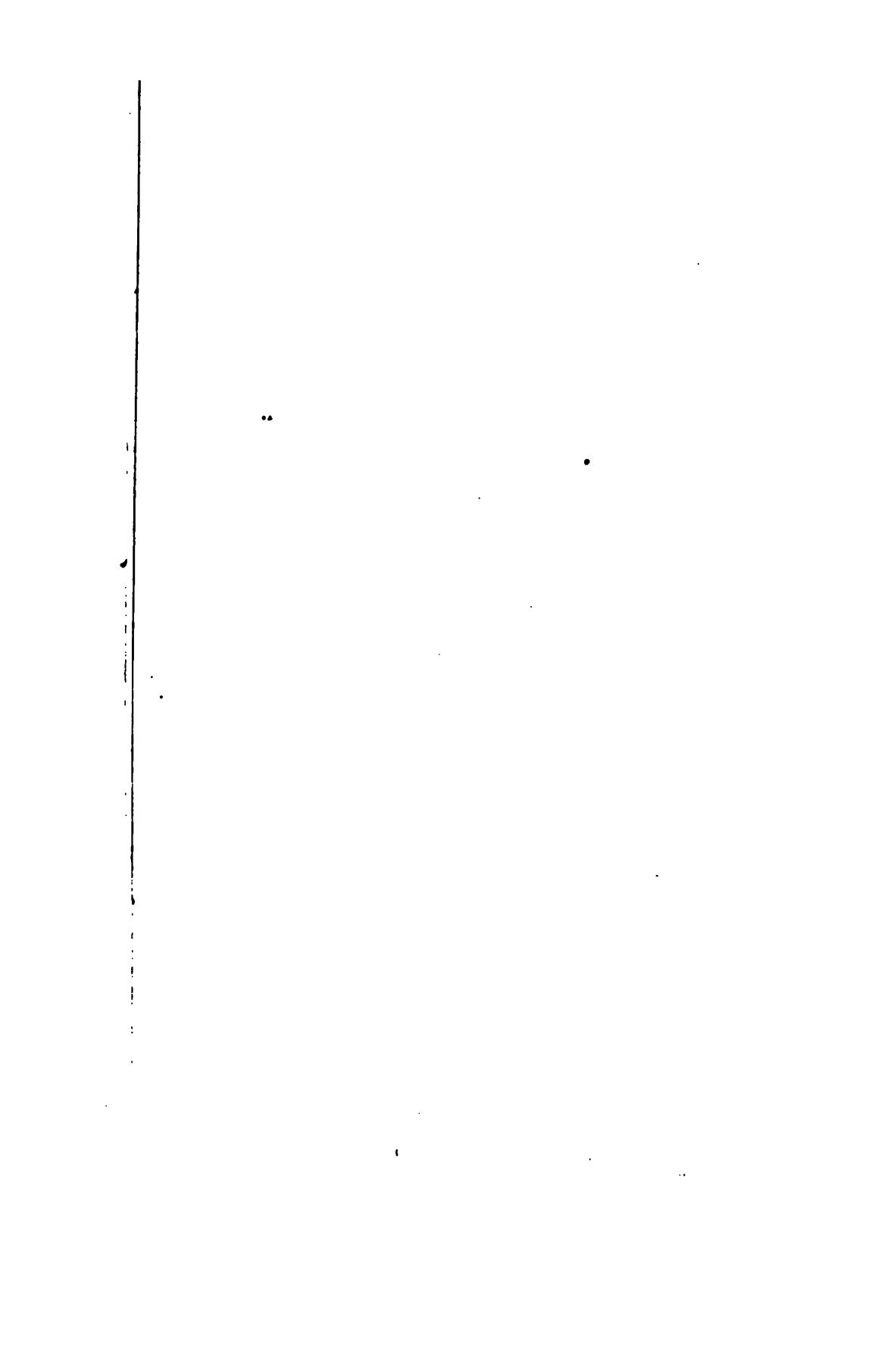
**Table D.**

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS COMMITTED DURING THE YEAR.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ireland .....	12,384	10,486	22,870
United States .....	6,422	3,266	9,688
Germany .....	3,101	1,221	4,322
England .....	1,292	652	1,944
Scotland .....	552	348	900
Unknown .....	240	317	557
France .....	360	32	392
Canada .....	284	81	365
Italy .....	264	32	296
Prussia .....	104	3	107
Poland .....	80	9	89
West Indies .....	80	.....	80
Sweden .....	54	.....	54
Switzerland .....	42	10	52
Nova Scotia .....	36	3	39
Wales .....	30	8	38
Denmark .....	18	.....	18
Russia .....	18	.....	18
China .....	18	.....	18
Belgium .....	16	.....	16
Spain .....	16	.....	16
Norway .....	16	.....	16
New Brunswick .....	14	1	15
Holland .....	15	.....	15
Portugal .....	14	.....	14
South America .....	14	.....	14
Austria .....	12	.....	12
Bavaria .....	10	.....	10
Bermuda .....	8	.....	8
Hungary .....	8	.....	8
East Indies .....	4	.....	4
Newfoundland .....	4	.....	4
Hanover .....	4	.....	4
Greece .....	2	.....	2
Hindostan .....	1	.....	1
Malta .....	1	.....	1
Total .....	25,538	16,469	42,007

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TABLE E.

FOR WHAT OFFENCE COMMITTED.	Second District Prison.			Third District Prison.			Fourth District Prison.		
	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Abandonment.....	13	2	15	11	11	5	5	5	5
Abduction.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aiding Escape of Prisoner.....	3	...	3	1	1	2	4	4	4
Arson.....	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Assault.....	1	1	2	1	1	2	7	7	7



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## REPORT.

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NEW-YORK, January 1st, 1860.

*To the Governors of the Alms House  
of the City of New-York :*

GENTLEMEN:—It again becomes my duty to lay before you the Annual Report of the Colored Home, and it is with much pleasure that I am able to state that the building for the increased accommodation of our inmates, mentioned in the last Report to your body as then in progress, has been completed; by this addition, we have not only increased the comforts of our inmates by opening new wards, and thinning out the old ones, but have also a large and airy School Room, with a Chapel sufficiently capacious to furnish accommodation for at least 800 persons. The completion of this object so long had in view, and so greatly to be desired, is a great gratification to the Managers, and other friends of the Institution.

The Institution, during the past year, has enjoyed a great degree of health. Our Hospital having been almost

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cially to Dr. J. S. Thebaud, for his continued attendance  
in the surgical ward.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Your obedient servant,

JAMES D. FITCH,

*Resident Physician.*

**TABULAR VIEW.**

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*Persons received in the different Departments from January 1st, 1859, to January 1st, 1860.*

**MALE HOSPITAL.**

Number remaining in this department, January 1st, 1859.....	30
Number received up to January 1st, 1860. ....	86
Whole number in this department during year 1859.....	—116

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**FEMALE HOSPITAL.**

Number remaining in this department, January 1st, 1859.....	77
Number received up to January, 1860.....	233
Whole number in this department during year 1859.....	—310

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**LYING-IN AND NURSERY.**

Number remaining in this department, January 1st, 1859.....	47
Women received up to January 1st, 1860.....	20
Children born or received up to January 1st, 1860. ....	89
Whole number under charge in this department during year 1859..	—156

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**HOME, OR DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM.**

Number remaining in this department, January 1st, 1859.....	147
Number received up to January 1st, 1860.....	177
Whole number under charge in this department during year 1859..	—324
Whole number under charge in the various departments of the Institution during year 1859.....	—906

Of these have died.....	97
Discharged.....	221
Left for places of service.....	153
Children given to friends or bound out.....	57
Infants left with their mothers.....	41
Left without tickets of dismissal.....	14
	—583
Leaving now in the Institution....	—323

## LIST OF DEATHS AT THE COLORED HOME.

FROM JAN. 1ST, 1859, TO JAN. 1ST, 1860.

DISEASES.	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Aneurism.....	2	1	3
Apoplexy .....	1	0	1
Brain, Abscess in.....	0	1	1
" Inflammation of.....	1	0	1
" Softening of.....	0	1	1
Bright's Disease of Kidney.....	1	1	2
Convulsions Infantile.....	0	1	1
Debility.....	2	3	5
Diarrhœa.....	0	2	2
Epilepsy.....	2	2	4
Gangrene of Lungs.....	0	1	1
Gastritis.....	0	1	1
Hemoptysis.....	1	1	2
Hydrocephalus .....	0	1	1
Hydrothorax .....	0	2	2
Hypertrophy of Heart.....	1	0	1
Marasmus Infantile. .	1	0	1
Old Age.....	1	4	5
Ossification of Aorta.....	1	0	1
Ovarian Tumor.....	0	1	1
Phthisis .....	15	16	31
Pneumonia .....	6	3	9
Peritonitis .....	1	0	1
Pericarditis.....	1	0	1
Scrofula .....	0	2	2
Tabes Mesen.....	4	4	8
Typhoid Fever.....	1	3	4
Valvular Disease of Heart. ....	2	2	4
	44	53	97

## OF THESE THERE WERE—

Under 1 year.....	5
Between 1 and 10 years.....	5
" 10 " 20 "	8
" 20 " 30 "	19
" 30 " 40 "	19
" 40 " 50 "	13
" 50 " 60 "	10
" 60 " 70 "	7
" 70 " 80 "	n..... 6
" 90 " 100 "	4
" 100 " 102 "	1
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## COLORED ORPHAN ASYLUM.

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## REPORT.

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THE Managers of the Colored Orphan Asylum, in exhibiting to the public the general state of the Institution for twenty-three successive years, must be excused should their reports present but little variety. In detail there is much to interest those who are immediately concerned in its progress.

The admission of a destitute Colored Orphan, is of itself sufficient to open the well-springs of the heart, but when his progress is watched, and he is found proceeding from the nursery to the schools, in gradual succession, his character developing, and his deportment keeping pace with the instruction afforded, both head and heart betokening the future man, the Managers have, indeed, cause of gratitude.

Another home is to be provided for him at the age of twelve years, which is seldom done unaccompanied with care and solicitude. But when testimonials, from time to time, give evidence of progress and improvement, and

at 21, a fine young man presents himself at the Institution, who has served his term of apprenticeship with credit and ability, by the blessing of Him who has promised to be a Father to the fatherless, the Managers are permitted to feel that their labors have not been in vain. Abridged letters from the children, otherwise unaltered, will be found in the Appendix, and exemplify more conclusively than any remarks made by the Managers, the results of the patient care and training, accompanied with "line upon line and precept upon precept" imparted in the Institution. The schools, four in number, are well conducted, as is strikingly evident by the united interest of both teacher and scholar. The children being indentured at 12, precludes a higher course of instruction. That which is given, the Managers aim at being thorough and practical, though elementary in its character.

#### TEACHER'S REPORT.

Number of Scholars receiving instruction in the	
Four Schools.....	204
Do. who have been instructed during the year....	234
Alphabet class.....	22
Read with ease.....	139
" imperfectly.....	64
Spell only .....	30
Simple rules of Arithmetic.....	106

More advanced .....	47
Mental Arithmetic.....	90
Definitions .....	90
Writing in books.....	90
"    only on slates .....	143
"    from dictation.....	133
"    composition .....	90
Geography from books .....	90
"    from outline maps ; most of the children.	
Drawing in books and on cards.....	45
"    on slates .....	181
United States History.....	45
Class Book of Nature .....	45
Philosophy .....	90
Grammar.....	58

Of the 46 children admitted this year, 27 did not know the alphabet, 8 could spell a little, and 11 could read.

M. A. YOUNG.

*December 9th, 1859.*

The efficiency and hearty co-operation of the Superintendent, Matron and Teachers, have been gratifying to the Managers, as well as the faithfulness of the other employees, some of whom have been a number of years in the service of the Institution. An evidence of the united interest of these, our co-workers, was recently evinced.

Finding the Asylum incumbered by a heavy debt, the Matron suggested to them that they should each subscribe the value of two weeks' labor toward its liquidation ; this was cheerfully assented to by nearly all employed in the house, and \$84 was thus raised.

Improvements and repairs have yearly to be recorded. During the past summer the two houses underwent general repair, and some improvements were required. The fixtures of the laundry were literally used up, and considerable expense was necessarily incurred in refitting and renewing this important Department.

The addition of the south wing, alluded to in the last Report, has been essentially promotive of health, comfort, neatness and order.

#### STATISTICS.

Admitted since the opening of the institution....	1016
Number of children at date of last report.....	219
Admitted during the present year: boys, 22;	
girls, 24.....	46
Total .....	265
Present number: boys, 123 ; girls, 88.....	211

Indentured.....	26
Returned to parents by agreement.....	14
Sent to the Colored Home .....	2
Left without permission.....	1
Deaths.....	11
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Total.....	265
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Children under eight years old.....	45

The improved diet of the children, referred to in the last Report, plainly tells in their healthful and happy countenances, and the Hospital patients are consequently less numerous.

The cost of food per day for each inmate in the Institution—officers of the house, domestics and children—is six and three quarters cents. This is of a good quality and well-prepared.

The Hospital, belonging to the Asylum, is a building of three stories above ground, and 30 by 60 feet—calculated to afford ample accommodations for 60 children. By the appointment of an efficient Matron, during the past year, whose duties are confined to this building, the Managers feel great satisfaction. A watchful, kind and sympathizing care is extended to the little sufferers, whose

maladies, mostly of a scrofulous character, are varied in form and development. Two nurses are also employed, and a school for convalescent patients is attached to the building.

In the admission of children in the Asylum, the diseased, emaciated and sickly child is cheerfully received, when free from infection, and within the prescribed age, between two and ten years old. This, while it increases the mortality, alleviates much suffering.

Ann Eliza Hinten was four years old when she entered the Asylum, with her two sisters, having passed through the different schools, and being peculiarly qualified for one so young, at the age of fourteen she was placed in charge of the infant department; this she conducted with great success for more than six years, winning the affections of the children, while she maintained unfaltering discipline. She also became a valuable teacher in the Sabbath-School. Feeling desirous of qualifying herself for a higher situation, arrangements were making for her admission into Oberlin College. This she anticipated with great pleasure; but a cold, contracted in the spring of 1858, proved the precursor of consumption, though good nursing, medical advice, and country air, for a time appeared to check its progress. During her last illness, which she patiently endured for nearly four months in

great prostration, she was permitted to feel that peace which overcometh the world, and freely resigned herself to the will of her heavenly Father, often remarking that she felt happy—and to one of the Managers, with a countenance beaming with delight, when she thought she was on the verge of eternity, “I am going home—I feel happy—I did not know I could feel so happy.” Numerous messages were sent to her friends, at this time, to prepare to meet her in heaven, and she requested that the Managers of the Asylum should be told, that their labor had not been in vain. But He, who had permitted her to enjoy a state of such ineffable bliss, in His inscrutable wisdom saw fit to detain her on earth still longer, to which she meekly submitted, and in carrying out the divine behest, the portals of heaven closed to her view, and her faith was sorely tried by an apparent withdrawal of Him, who had heretofore been to her “strength in weakness and a present help in every time of need.” The Evil one was permitted to assail her with doubts and fears—darkness and apparent desertion were her portion, while she feared she had incurred the Divine displeasure by something said in an interval of delirium.

She was encouraged to believe, that though the consolations of the Saviour were, for a season withheld, still He had not forsaken her, but was, indeed, very near, and she was urged to seek Him by prayer, which had hitherto

been her refuge. "I will try," she pathetically remarked, and he whose ear is open to the cry of the humble, soon spoke peace to her troubled soul, and she was enabled "to rejoice in his presence with exceeding great joy," until her departure to be with Him forever—when she thought she saw the angels, who had come to conduct her to her heavenly home, in the form of little children; as she remarked a short time before she expired.

"One gentle sigh the fetters breaks,  
We scarce can say they've gone,  
Before the willing spirit takes  
Its station near the throne."

Robert Bodee, 12 years old, died of consumption. For a considerable time his mind appeared preparing for the solemn event, though he said but little. His brother spent much time with him reading from the Bible, &c. He occasionally sent messages to the Superintendent to pray with him, seeking from him religious instruction, repeatedly asking him, what he should do to be saved; but ere the silver chord was broken, he fully experienced that belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, which satisfied his soul, as the event strikingly proved. When the hour of death approached, he was calm and composed, his countenance betokening peace and assurance forever. His brother wept bitterly as he watched the dying boy,

who with earnestness, exclaimed, "Eddy, don't cry, you must believe too."

The excellent mother of these boys died in the year 1853, at the Asylum, where she had faithfully and successfully served as teacher several years. The struggle was great ere she arrived to a perfect state of resignation in leaving her four fatherless children, orphans in the world, three of whom were inmates of the Asylum. A short time before her close they were brought to her bedside, and after a solemn pause, she slowly raised her feeble hand and placed it on the head of each child, successively repeating the words, "I resign you to God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." "Is it possible," said she, "that I have been sustained in this trying hour? Father, they are thine, and I am thine, praise the Lord, glory, glory, glory!"

Robert had evidently found the pearl of great price; his mother's God was his God.

S. W. Ward, a half orphan, 11 years old, had been sick three years, and bore his prolonged suffering with the fortitude of one, whose support and dependence was on an Arm of strength. He was a child of prayer, and enjoyed the little prayer-meetings of the children, which for a considerable time were held by his bed-side. He often

expressed his willingness to die ; asked his mother before his death, what she cried for, saying, "I am going to Jesus," and in that peace which truly accompanied salvation, he quietly entered the eternal world.

The Managers of the Colored Orphan Asylum, as in former years, are compelled to plead with their friends for continued aid—the benefits afforded in the Institution are large and steadily progressive, calculated for permanent utility. They have ever carefully avoided sectarianism or party spirit ; the object of the Society being simply and singly to foster and protect the homeless orphan. They are not regardless of former favors, and are well assured that the assistance thus rendered has been blessed to the giver as well as to the recipients.

ANNA H. SHOTWELL,

*Secretary.*

N. Y., 12th mo., 1859.

## TREASURER'S

Dr. *The Association for the benefit of Colored Orphans in*

To paid salary of Superintendent.....	\$750 00
" Matron .....	315 66
" Assistant Matron.....	229 58
" Physician, for one year.....	200 00
" Shoemaker .....	315 00
" Assistant Shoemaker.....	262 50
<b>Wages</b> .....	<b>1,189 50</b>
House expenses.....	871 05
Hospital " .....	82 47
Clothing for children .....	440 99
Shoes .....	454 85
Sewing materials.....	60 17
Board of Sick in the country.....	45 28
Burials .....	68 36
Poultry .....	8 73
Veal .....	29 86
Liver .....	1 42
Beef.....	1208 83
Mutton .....	73 24
Pork .....	39 87
Vegetables.....	225 18
Fruit .....	61 11
Fish .....	81 12
Flour and Meal.....	113 56
Bread.....	1,523 50
Gingerbread.....	177 24
Cheese.....	24 57
Butter .....	331 89
Molasses.....	150 97
Coffee and Tea .....	105 56
Other Groceries.....	475 74
Milk.....	729 75
Freight of Milk.....	241 90
Wood and Coal.....	475 23
Gas.....	253 02
<b>Carried forward.....</b>	<b>\$11,617 70</b>

## R E P O R T.

*Account with ANNA F. WILLIS, Treasurer, for 1859.*      **Cr.**

By Board of children, by Comptroller of the City..	\$5,631 41
"        " relatives .....	984 25
State Appropriation of 1858.....	2,428 03
Donations and Subscriptions.....	2,706 62
From Estate of Robert I. Murray.....	250 00
Female Association of New-York.....	200 00
From Estate of John Clapp.....	500 00
Interest on Bonds.....	612 50
Rent of Superintendent for two months.....	25 00
Articles sold at the Asylum.....	20 00
Returned Duplicate Bill .....	2 69
Loaned by Stipend Fund.....	454 85
Temporary Loan.....	65 00
Balance last Report.....	85 28
Do. returned from Report of House Expenses last month.....	79
Carried forward .....	\$13,966 42

*The Association for the benefit of Colored Orphans in***Dr.**

Brought forward.....	\$11,617 70
To paid Gas Fixtures.....	27 57
Building, Hardware and Repairs.....	1,740 06
Stationery.....	51 16
Printing.....	54 73
Postage.....	10 41
Newspapers.....	1 50
Stage Fare of Superintendent.....	7 18
Travel of Superintendent*.....	25 13
Garden expenses.....	21 45
Horse ".....	170 09
Wagon Repairs.....	26 50
Hogs' expenses.....	40 11
Insurance.....	94 00
Indenture Bonds.....	12 00
Returned amount borrowed.....	65 00
Balance on hand.....	1 83
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	\$13,966 42

Unpaid Bills.....	\$2,976 16
Assessment for Central Park; also for grading, paving and sewer ing Fifth Avenue.....	4,422 00
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DEDUCTING—School balance.....	\$7,398 16
"    General fund .....	10
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	1 83
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	1 93
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	\$7,396 23

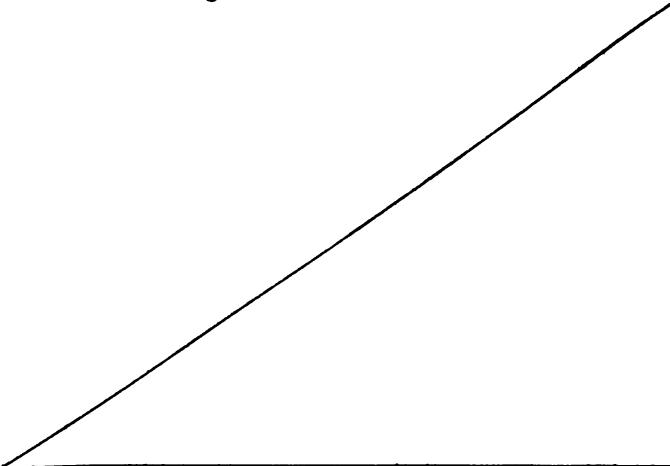
\* For the purpose of visiting children who are bound out.

*Account with ANNA F. WILLIS—(continued).*

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Brought forward ..... \$13,966 42



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\$13,966 42

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account, and found it duly vouched, showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of one dollar and eighty-three cents.

JOS. B. COLLINS,  
WM. F. MOTT, JR.

NEW-YORK, 12th month, 1859.

*Association for the benefit of Colored Orphans in Acc't with*

*Dr.*

To Cash paid salaries of teachers.....	\$1,033 69
" Building and repairs.....	977 60
" Books and stationery .....	139 54
Balance on hand.....	10
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	\$2,100 93

*Association for the benefit of Colored Orphans in Acc't with*

*Dr.*

To paid Committee for Orphans.....	\$161 00
Placed on Bond and Mortgage.....	1,000 00
Loaned to General Fund.....	454 85
Balance on hand.....	114 72
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	\$1,730 57

ANNA F. WILLIS, *Treasurer of School Money, for 1859.*

Dr.

By Dividend on Mechanics' Bank Stock and return City Tax on " " " .....	\$140 61
Interest on bonds .....	35 00
Cash from Board of Education.....	1,825 32
Dividend on Mechanics' Bank Stock.....	100 00
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	\$2,100 93

ANNA F. WILLIS, *Trustee of the Stipend Fund,\* for 1859.*

Cr.

By balance from last report, in Bleecker-street Savings Bank.....	\$717 23
Interest on bonds.....	294 22
" on funds in Savings Bank.....	16 62
Masters' annual payments.....	702 50
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	\$1,730 57

\* This fund arises from the amounts paid annually (by the employers), according to the terms of the indentures, and placed by the managers, in trust for the children, in the Savings Bank.

**ABSTRACT OF PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.**

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The whole number of children in the Asylum during the year was 265. The proportion of cases of sickness was 1 in 2.02; of the mortality, 1 in 33. Of the whole number of deaths 9 were caused by tubercular disease, leaving .06 per cent. of mortality from all other diseases.

**D E A T H S .**

DISEASE.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Phthisis Pulmonalis.....	3	1	4
"      " after Hooping cough..	1	0	1
Tubercular Meningitis.....	1	2	3
"      " Peritonitis.....	1	0	1
Psoas abscess.....	1	0	1
Convulsions (from dentition).....	1	0	1
	8	3	11

In the early part of July there was a slight epidemic of measles, followed in the succeeding month by hooping-cough.

On the 24th of October Dr. James R. Wood removed the necrosed portion of the lower jaw of one of the girls, and

the operation has been followed by a complete cure, for which he will please accept the sincere thanks of the undersigned.

JAMES McCUNE SMITH.

15 NORTH-MOORE STREET,

*Dec. 9, 1859.*

## FERRY, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

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FERRY DEPARTMENT, B. I.,  
On January 2d, 1860.

*To the Honorable the BOARD OF  
GOVERNORS of the Alms House :*

GENTLEMEN,—We respectfully submit to your Honorable Board the following as our Annual Report for the year 1859:

Somewhat more than three years have now elapsed since this Department was established, and that it has hitherto accomplished the objects for which it was instituted, we believe we need not hesitate to assert.

We have not only exerted ourselves, as usual, to facilitate the departure and arrival of the officers belonging to, and the mechanics employed at the various institutions on this Island; but have also endeavored to the utmost of our ability to give general satisfaction to an exceedingly large number of visitors, as regards both accommodation and information. And here we would beg leave to state, that

our duties have been unusually arduous, to such an extent have visitors increased during the past year.

The first trip is made at 6 A. M., from the foot of 61st street, expressly for the use of the officers of the Penitentiary, the second, at a quarter past 6 A. M., from the same place for officers of the Island generally, and the third, at half-past 6 A. M., both to and from 61st street. At this time we commence our half-hour trips, which are continued until 8 o'clock P. M., with the exception of from half-past 7 to half-past 8 A. M., and from 12 to 1 P. M., being the hours allowed our boatmen for breakfast and dinner.

From visitors and inmates of the Alms House, we have taken a considerable number of bottles of spirituous liquors, but not so many as on either of the two preceding years, as but very few of those who formerly transgressed in this way have persisted in their attempts to bring spirits on the Island, knowing, from long experience, that they could not accomplish their purpose. When we have taken it, therefore, it has almost, invariably, been from persons who have either been ignorant of the fact, that searching is practised, or not aware of the strictness of our scrutiny.

We sincerely and deeply regret the melancholy catastrophe, which resulted in the loss of the late coxswain, Michael Graham, and two of his crew, on the morning of

the 28th of January, 1859, when one of the ferry boats was run down by the steamboat "Sylvan Shore," in an exceedingly dense fog; an accident which no amount of caution short of actual suspension of business could have averted.

On several occasions we have experienced much difficulty in getting the boats afloat at the Ferry house slip, in consequence of the shallowness of the water at low tides. This inconvenience, however, could be easily obviated, and at a very trifling expense, by sinking the bottom of the slip some 18 inches below its present level, and as this would be a most desirable matter, we earnestly, but respectfully suggest, that your Honorable Board take it into consideration at your earliest convenience.

To "the importance of removing the Ferry landing, on New-York side to 70th street," we referred in our last Annual Report, and we still "strongly recommend that it be located there," for the reasons already given in that Report.

Affixed hereto you will find a summary of expenses for each month during the past year, as also the names and salaries of the officers attached to this Department, and an inventory of all property thereunto belonging.

We have nothing further to add, gentlemen, but to  
subscribe ourselves with all due respect,

Your very obedient servants,

CHARLES GRAHAM,

PATRICK JAMISON,

*Ferry Masters.*

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

For January .....	\$54 05
“ February .....	94 44
“ March .....	19 12
“ April .....	23 15
“ May .....	34 95
“ June.....	13 64
“ July .....	23 91
“ August.....	11 87
“ September.....	50 38
“ October.....	34 23
“ November .....	4 33
“ December.....	10 32
	———— \$374 39

## OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Patrick Jamison, Ferry Master.....	\$650 00
Charles Graham, “ “ .....	650 00
John H. Brown, Coxswain.....	450 00
George Brucher, “ .....	450 00
	———— 2,200 00
Total Expenses.....	\$2,574 39

# LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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Governors of the Alms House, 1859.

ANTHONY DUGRO, *President.*

\*WM. T. PINKNEY, *Secretary.*

†P. McELROY.

ISAAC J. OLIVER.

C. GODFREY GUNTHER.

PATRICK G. MOLONEY.

BENJAMIN F. PINCKNEY.

WASHINGTON SMITH.

ISAAC TOWNSEND.

CHARLES BRUENINGHAUSEN.

‡JAMES LYNCH.

## OFFICERS.

M. H. RANNEY, M. D., *Resident Physician.*

R. L. PARSONS, M. D., *Senior Assistant Physician.*

L. A. RODENSTEIN, M. D., *Assistant Physician.*

N. P. ANDERSON, *Clerk.*

ZETUS SEARLES, *Chaplain.*

MARY GOODWIN, *Matron.*

\* Term of office expired—re-elected.

† Term of office expired.

‡ Elected to fill vacancy.

R E P O R T .

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*To the Honorable the Board of  
Governors of the Alms House:*

GENTLEMEN:—My thirteenth Annual Report is respectfully submitted. The year has not been marked by any important improvements beyond those ordinarily occurring in former years. Among the patients has generally prevailed a degree of order, which evinces a good state of discipline. This is, especially, gratifying in view of the large number which is now constantly provided for in this Institution. The crowded state of the building has increased considerably the labor and care of the officers, while the proportion of recoveries is sensibly diminished from the same cause. Success in treatment is the result of the sum total of many little things which serve to make the patient comfortable. Although a course of judicious medication is an important means in restoring the diseased mind to its normal condition, yet without the common comforts of life, its value is greatly diminished. Sufficient room is essential to quietude of mind, and to be

constantly irritated during the day, by immediate contact with others, and sleeping upon the floor at night, as many have been obliged to do, lessen materially the chances of recovery. With these facts you are acquainted, and whenever your plans to extend the building are carried out, they will not only add greatly to the comfort of the patients, but prove a positive curative measure.

The whole number under treatment, for the year, was one thousand and forty-four of whom 655 were in the Asylum, January 1st. 1859, and 389 have been admitted since that date. The daily average number in the house was 688.

Besides the inmates of this Institution there are, at least, 200 insane persons in the other Department of the Island. Their number is increasing with such rapidity, year by year, that it seems necessary to collect definite facts to show the reasons of this result, and at some future day, I propose to present to you a communication on this subject.

Of those admitted within the year, sixteen had attempted suicide; one was under indictment for murder; one for forgery, and one was detained as a witness. Three hundred and forty were received directly from the city,

and forty-eight from public institutions and hospitals, as follows:

Admitted from the Alms House.....	21
"        "    Work House.....	7
"        "    Bloomingdale Asylum....	6
"        "    Bellevue Hospital .....	8
"        "    Ward's Island .....	4
"        "    Colored Home .....	1
"        "    Sisters of Charity.....	1
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Total.....	48

Twenty per cent. of Males, and sixteen per cent. of Females were re-admitted, that is, had been discharged from the Asylum some year previous to 1859. Considering the liability to the recurrence of insanity, and the fact that many after their discharge were again brought under the same influences that had primarily caused the disease, and that a few, even, had not recovered when they left the Institution, the number of re-admissions is not large. This, however, conveys no accurate idea of the proportion of relapses, as some of the cases would not be returned to the Asylum. Dr. Tuke, from statistics of Dr. Thurman, remarks; "In round numbers, then, of ten persons attacked by insanity, five recover, and five die, sooner or later, during the attack. Of the five who recover, not

more than two remain well during the rest of their lives. The other three sustain subsequent attacks, during which, at least, two of them die.

Two hundred and forty-seven were discharged during the year, of whom 148 had recovered, 68 were improved, and 31 unimproved. Of every one hundred admissions, 38 recovered. Disbelief in former delusions, frank confession as to previous insanity, feelings of attachment instead of animosity towards relatives and friends, and a favorable change in the conduct and general appearance, establish, with considerable certainty, a restoration of the reason. Some seem to regain, at once, complete possession of the mental faculties, while others, for months, remain more or less stupid, or become irritable, with less self-control under provocation.

There were eighty-six deaths, which is a little more than eight per cent. of the whole number under treatment during the year.

#### PREDISPOSING AND EXCITING CAUSES.

I have not presented a table of causes of insanity, as an approximation only to the truth can be given. Some have no acquaintances to communicate the previous history, and of those who have friends, little light from that source is thrown on the subject. But taking into consideration

the physical condition, subjects of conversation, habits and mode of life, in connection with the history as furnished by patients and friends, some general conclusions may be drawn as to the cause.

If the report of travellers among barbarous nations can be at all relied on, the proportion of insane is much less among them than with the civilized. Their statements, however, must be received *cum grano salis*, as no accurate statistics have been furnished as to the number of insane among these savage nations. Even in civilized countries, the ratio of the insane to the population, seems to have greatly increased within a few years, but this may, in part, be ascribed to more careful examination, the public attention having been particularly directed to this matter. From my own recollection, and from a careful analysis of the cases reported in our Asylum records, I am fully convinced that certain forms of mental disease have greatly increased in frequency. Among these, softening of the brain holds a prominent place. Although its characteristic features were not formerly well understood, yet symptoms marking the peculiarities of each case were noted, on admission, and these do not correspond with those by which we now readily recognize that disease. Again, that certain modes and customs pertaining to civilization, tend to increase insanity, may be inferred from their effect on the mental and physical development. Per-

fect sanity implies complete and equal development of all the mental powers, and the greater the departure from this, the greater the liability to insanity. Misdirected education, by cultivating a particular faculty or faculties, at the expense of the others, and thus destroying the balance between them, lays the foundation for derangement from any slight exciting cause. The high culture of the reasoning powers, with an entire neglect of the moral, produces an intellectual, but a bad man, while the cultivation of the "heart" at the expense of the "head," produces the man of feeling—the fanatic. The emotions hold an important place in the production of our happiness, and if they become morbidly sensitive and partially separated from intellectual control, the harmonious action of a well-balanced mind no longer exists. For the perfection of the mental faculties, the physical organs must also be developed.

Among our patients, poverty, with its attendant evils, is the most common cause of insanity.

Want of wholesome nourishment, the breathing an impure atmosphere, exposure to the inclemencies of the weather, the perplexities in obtaining a livelihood, all tend to favor the development of disease. The tendency is increased when vice is connected with poverty, which, unfortunately, is too often the case. This arises from corrupt associations in childhood, and temptations growing

out of the appetites and propensities. Hunger, suffering from cold, &c., are influences which the middle classes do not feel, and statistics show conclusively that juvenile crime is very much more frequent among the poor than others.

These moral obliquities of early life, serve at a more mature period to destroy the harmony which should exist between the various mental faculties. In most cases of insanity, instead of one, many causes have been active, and the removal of the patient to an Asylum, lessens very much these unhealthful influences.

From the middle classes of society, our number is much smaller. In the majority of these cases, all their energies had been devoted to business, with the purpose of accumulating wealth in a short time. Although the amount of their capital was small, great risks must be run for the attainment of their sole object, and to meet the wants of this decidedly progressive age. Intellect meets intellect in competition, and if failure follow, disappointment acts as a strongly depressing cause on the already overtaxed mind.

Among the higher classes, especially those who have no definite business to pursue, causes entirely different are found in operation, and the want of any real object in life seems to be their basis.

As they have learned no profession or business, nor cultivated a taste for study, most of the avenues to the enjoyment of life are closed. Ennui and indolence result, and to remove this languor and feeling of disgust, they resort to trivial amusements and excesses.

They who are imaginative, indulge in day-dreams of high positions and honors, but without any effort to acquire them. This castle-building enfeebles the intellect, and destroys that firmness of character which success in any course of continued action requires. Insanity arising from hereditary predisposition, loss of friends, fear, religious excitement, disappointed love, and domestic trouble, is common to all classes.

#### **LABOR AND AMUSEMENTS.**

A large number of the patients have been employed in out-door work under the direction of the gardener, and by their labor most of the cultivated ground has been sub-soiled. The substitution of the spade for the plow, adds much to the physical labor, but while it increases the richness and fertility to a degree which the latter could not afford, it becomes a very extensive source of healthy exercise. One unacquainted with the results of thorough tillage would scarcely believe that so many vegetables could be raised upon a few acres of ground. This large supply costs the department nothing, save the employment

of a gardener, the labor being done by our inmates, and the fertilizing material supplied by waste straw, leaves of trees, &c.

Minor improvements have been made in the erection of workshops and small out-buildings, in which a few patients have been employed in mechanical labor. These increased facilities for blacksmithing, tinning, painting, turning, and carpentry, have saved quite an item of expense previously incurred in hiring mechanics.

The women have knit all the stockings and socks, and made all the clothing worn by the inmates, except caps and shoes. They have also supplied the Museum with many articles of embroidery, fancy work, &c. The amount of sales from this source within the year, was \$181 57, and the sum expended as specified below :

Museum fund Dr., at commencement of year . . . . .	\$7 44
Paid for Magic Lantern slides and Chromatropes . .	32 25
"    Musical Instruments . . . . .	33 75
"    Chessmen . . . . .	5 00
"    Driggs' Patent Piano (in part) . . . . .	100 00
"    Music-book Rack . . . . .	2 50
"    Cases for Museum, and materials for making articles of sale . . . . .	34 83
Total . . . . .	<hr/> \$215 77

Leaving the Museum Fund Dr., \$34 20. The American Institute, last fall, awarded a Diploma to the inmates of the Asylum, for specimens of embroidery and silk quilt. We hope to realize, during the coming spring, enough from the sales to purchase a pony, as horseback exercise for the females would be not only a novelty in this institution, but its healthful influence very valuable.

Military drills have been continued regularly, when the weather permitted, the drum and fife possessing almost a magic influence over even the indolent and demented. The in-door amusements have been exhibitions of the magic lantern, concerts, chess, backgammon, whist and draughts. Your Board have made liberal appropriations for all of the holidays, which have contributed much to the general enjoyment.

#### **IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED.**

As you have already decided to extend the accommodations for the insane, by commencing a new building in the coming spring, I will make, under this head, only a few general remarks as to its erection. The locality, form, arrangement of rooms, method of heating, ventilation, and the admission of light, are all subjects for thorough investigation. Careful attention to these points in the erection of asylums has gained within the last ten years an advance commensurate to that made in the manage-

ment and treatment of the insane. Massachusetts has taken the lead in this particular, and the asylum recently erected at Northampton, will compare favorably with any in the world. Much of the progress in this country is due to Dr. Bell, who has given especial attention to the subject. Having been the Medical Superintendent of the McLean Asylum for many years, and having visited all of the institutions of note in Europe, with the object of combining that which was valuable in each, his views and suggestions would be entitled to careful consideration. Credit to our City requires that the wing should be a *model*, exhibiting all the improvements of the present age, and I sincerely hope that no plan will be adopted without consulting those thoroughly acquainted with the subject.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.**

Major Pinckney of the "Leader," has continued to send that valuable weekly, and also many of its exchanges. These have afforded a large amount of reading matter for the patients. Messrs. Pike & Sons loaned us several times during the year, slides for the magic lantern, chromatropes, &c. Mrs. Doyle, of Williamsburg, furnished a variety of flower seeds, and assisted in procuring books. Dr. Pliny Earle, of Leicester, Mass., contributed to our mineralogical and conchological department. Messrs.

Wm. Hall & Sons, of No. 543 Broadway, donated \$50 toward the purchase of a "Driggs' Patent Piano." This instrument, unsurpassed in richness, evenness and volume of tone, is highly valued. To all who have contributed directly or indirectly by purchase from the Museum, our thanks are given.

The duties of the officers and employees have generally been properly discharged.

The religious services, which have been well attended, were regularly observed twice each week. The Chaplains, Rev. Zetus Searle and Father Burns, have officiated on Sunday, and the Rev. B. F. Taylor, of the Episcopal Church, has conducted services on Thursday. They have discharged their duties in a manner very acceptable to those to whom they have ministered.

The space available for congregational purposes is, at present, restricted by the narrowness of the halls; but if a chapel be constructed in the new edifice as now contemplated, the consolations derivable from the privileges of social worship may be extended to a far greater number than at present.

Dr. Ralph L. Parsons still holds the office of Senior As-

sistant Physician. At the expiration of the term of Dr. W. V. White's appointment as Junior Assistant, Louis A. Rodenstein, M. D., was appointed to fill the vacancy. The medical duties assigned to each of these gentlemen were ably and satisfactorily performed.

To our Committee, Governors Pinckney, Brueninghausen, and Townsend, I feel deeply grateful for advice, and for many acts of personal kindness. No institution is free from trials and petty annoyances, and the feeling that one is warmly sustained in the right, aids greatly in assisting him properly to perform his duties.

Some of your members are cognizant of the state of affairs in this department when your Honorable Board first came into power. Compare its condition then, with the present, and no greater advance will be found in any asylum or hospital in the State.

That there are defects existing now, and ever will be, none can deny. This, however, should not discourage, but stimulate to renewed action to lessen them if possible.

May your fostering care be ever active, and the public institutions of New-York, from the imprint of progress,

year by year, unfold an epitaph to future ages more praiseworthy and durable than if written on granite.

MOSES H. RANNEY,  
*Resident Physician.*

NEW-YORK CITY LUNATIC ASYLUM,

*December 31st, 1859.*

## ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, 1859.

	White Males.	White Females.	Black Males.	Black Females.	Total.
<b>Number of Patients, Jan. 1, 1859.</b>	260	378	9	8	655
<b>Admitted during the year.....</b>	165	216	1	7	389
<b>Whole number in the course of the year.....</b>	425	594	10	15	1044
<b>Discharged during the year....</b>	106	135	1	5	247
<b>Died            "     "     "     ....</b>	39	43	2	2	86
<b>Remaining December 31, 1859.</b>	280	416	7	8	711

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DEATHS,

FOR EACH MONTH IN THE YEAR 1859.

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MONTHS.	ADMISSIONS.		DISCHARGES.		DEATHS.		TOTAL.
	White Males.	White Females.	White Males.	White Females.	White Males.	White Females.	
January . . .	10	17	0	0	27	7	4
February . . .	9	17	0	1	27	4	5
March . . .	15	16	0	0	31	20	0
April . . .	8	21	0	1	30	12	0
May . . .	20	12	0	1	33	10	8
June . . .	19	34	1	2	56	8	16
July . . .	16	22	0	0	38	4	7
August . . .	19	21	0	0	40	10	11
September . . .	15	13	0	1	29	14	13
October . . .	12	19	0	0	31	4	10
November . . .	12	15	0	1	28	7	12
December . . .	10	9	0	0	19	11	7
Total. . . . .	165	216	1	7	389	106	135

MONTHS.	ADMISSIONS.		DISCHARGES.		DEATHS.		TOTAL.
	Black Males.	Black Females.	Black Males.	Black Females.	Black Males.	Black Females.	
January . . .	1	0	0	0	1	12	1
February . . .	0	0	0	0	9	2	4
March . . .	0	0	0	0	50	5	5
April . . .	0	0	0	1	20	4	2
May . . .	0	0	0	1	19	3	2
June . . .	0	0	0	0	24	5	4
July . . .	0	0	0	0	11	4	2
August . . .	0	0	0	1	22	2	11
September . . .	0	0	0	0	28	3	4
October . . .	0	0	0	0	14	4	2
November . . .	0	0	0	1	20	2	1
December . . .	0	0	0	0	18	4	3
Total. . . . .	5	0	1	5	247	39	43

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## NATIVITY OF THOSE ADMITTED, 1869.

NATIVE.	FOREIGN.
New-York..... 65	Ireland ..... 177
Connecticut..... 6	Germany ..... 75
Massachusetts..... 3	England ..... 24
New-Jersey..... 4	Scotland ..... 10
Virginia..... 2	Prussia..... 4
Pennsylvania..... 2	Switzerland ..... 3
Ohio..... 1	Wales ..... 2
New-Hampshire..... 1	Sweden ..... 1
Maryland..... 1	Poland ..... 1
	Norway ..... 1
	France ..... 1
	Holland ..... 1
	Russia ..... 1
	Hungary ..... 1
	Canada ..... 1
	Nova Scotia ..... 1
Total..... 85	Total..... 304

## CIVIL CONDITION OF THOSE ADMITTED.

	MALES.	FEMALES.
Single.....	89	77
Married .....	73	117
Widows .....	0	29
Widowers .....	4	0
Total.....	166	223

## PROFESSION OR RELIGION OF THOSE ADMITTED.

Catholics.....	208
Protestants.....	171
Jews.....	10
Total.....	389

## AGES AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION.

MALES.	FEMALES.
Under 20 years..... 10	Under 20 years..... 14
From 20 to 30 years.... 61	From 20 to 30 years.... 70
"    30 " 40 " .... 49	"    30 " 40 " .... 65
"    40 " 50 " .... 26	"    40 " 50 " .... 45
"    50 " 60 " .... 14	"    50 " 60 " .... 11
"    60 " 70 " .... 4	"    60 " 70 " .... 10
"    70 " 80 " .... 2	"    70 " 80 " .... 8
Total..... 166	Total..... 223

## FORM OF INSANITY OF THOSE DISCHARGED.

	Recovered.	Improved.	Unimproved	TOTAL.
<b>Mania.....</b>	59	8	2	69
"  Partial.....	54	35	8	97
"  Puerperal.....	17	2	2	21
"  Recurrens.....	12	.....	.....	12
"  a Potu.....	2	.....	.....	2
<b>Dementia.....</b>	3	22	5	30
"  Acute.....	1	.....	.....	1
"  Senile.....	.....	.....	3	3
<b>Paralysis Generale.....</b>	.....	1	4	5
<b>Imbecility.....</b>	.....	.....	4	4
<b>Improper Subjects.....</b>	.....	.....	3	3
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>247</b>

## TERM OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE DISCHARGED.

	Recovered.	Improved.	Unimproved	TOTAL.
<b>Less than 3 months.....</b>	61	12	15	88
<b>From 3 to 6 "</b> .....	40	10	6	56
" 6 " 12 "	34	12	4	50
" 1 " 3 years.....	13	17	2	32
" 3 " 6 "	.....	10	.....	10
" 6 " 12 "	.....	7	4	11
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>247</b>

## CAUSES OF DEATHS.

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Consumption .....	26
Paralysis Generale.....	11
Epilepsy.....	7
Congestio Cerebri.....	7
Senectus.....	6
Typhomania.....	6
Apoplexia .....	3
Chronic Diarrhœa.....	2
Pneumonia .....	2
Exhaustion from Mania.....	2
Erysipelas .....	1
Fatty Degeneration of Heart.....	1
Submersion .....	1
Tuberculosus Cerebri.....	1
Uræmia.....	1
Diarrhœa.....	1
Dysentery .....	1
Paralysis .....	1
Gangrene of Lungs.....	1
Anemia .....	1
Disease of the Heart.....	1
Œdema of the Brain.....	1
Debilis .....	1
Hydrocephalus .....	1
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TOTAL.....	86

LIST OF OFFICERS, ATTENDANTS AND EMPLOYEES ON THE 31st  
 OF DECEMBER, 1859, WITH THE AMOUNT OF THEIR SALARIES  
 PER ANNUM.

M. Harris Ranney.....	Resident Physician .....	\$1,500
N. P. Anderson.....	Clerk.....	1,200
R. L. Parson.....	Senior Assistant Physician.....	500 \$216 in lieu of board.
L. A. Rodenstien.....	Assistant Physician.....	" " " "
Zetus Searle.....	Chaplain .....	600
Mary Goodwin.....	Matron .....	400
Michael Cordial .....	Watchman .....	400
Stevens Chandler.....	" .....	400
James Dodd.....	Engineer .....	630
Richard Reed.....	Attendant .....	296
Richard Wilson.....	" .....	296
John Rohner .....	" .....	272
Robert Watson .....	" .....	272
Andrew J. Mathews.....	" .....	272
Patrick Donahue .....	" .....	272
Edward Robellaz .....	" .....	272
J. A. Lasher .....	" .....	272
Squire Allen .....	" .....	272
John Stephens .....	Gardener .....	272
Egbert B. Gurnee .....	Carpenter .....	547
Margaret Toohey .....	Supervisor at Lodge .....	304
R. Matilda Pinkney .....	Attendant .....	250
Margaret Ray .....	" .....	174
Bridget Gaffney .....	" .....	174
Bridget McDonnell .....	" .....	174
Anna Dopp .....	" .....	174
S. C. Lashar .....	" .....	174
Mary Neef .....	" .....	174
Eleanor Ray .....	" .....	174
Judith Gieser .....	" .....	174
Bridget Doyle .....	" .....	174
Louisa Froh .....	Attendant at Lodge .....	144
Alice Reed .....	" .....	144
Eliza Bruton .....	" .....	144
W. Winke .....	" .....	144
Mary Welsh .....	Superintendent of Sewing Room .....	125
Paschal Germain .....	Cook .....	168
James Bowley .....	Cartman .....	168
Charles Stephens .....	Employed in general work .....	168
Margaret Thompson .....	" in Wash-house .....	72

Eliza Wilson .....	Employed in Wash-house.	72
Catharine Carroll .....	" " "	72
Catharine Gillespie .....	" " Kitchen.....	72
Catharine Ruf. ....	" " " .....	72
Julia Holligan .....	" " " .....	72
Bridget Mahoney .....	" " " .....	72
Mary Hope. ....	" " " .....	72
Margaret Lynch .....	" " Laundry.....	72
Bridget Jourdan .....	" " " .....	72
Mary Johnson. ....	Chambermaid .....	72
Margaret Kenny .....	" .....	72
Mary Gilligan .....	" .....	72
Isabella Aiken .....	" .....	72
Mary Sheridan .....	" .....	72

## APPENDIX.

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THE Association of Medical Superintendents of American Institutions for the Insane, have unanimously agreed upon the following propositions relative to the Construction and Organization of Asylums; and also requested their publication by the members in their Annual Reports.

### ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE.

I.—Every hospital for the insane should be in the country, not within less than two miles of a large town, and easily accessible at all seasons.

II.—No hospital for the insane, however limited its capacity, should have less than fifty acres of land devoted to gardens and pleasure grounds for its patients. At least one hundred acres should be possessed by every State hospital, or other institution for 200 patients, to which number these propositions apply, unless otherwise mentioned.

III.—Means should be provided to raise ten thousand gallons of water, daily, to reservoirs that will supply the highest parts of the building.

IV.—No hospital for the insane should be built, without the plan having been first submitted to some Physician or Physicians, who have had charge of a similar establishment, or are practically acquainted with all the details of their arrangements, and received his or their full approbation.

V.—The highest number that can with propriety be treated in one building is two hundred and fifty, while two hundred is a preferable maximum.

VI.—All such buildings should be constructed of stone or brick, have slate or metallic roofs, and as far as possible, be made secure from accidents by fire.

VII.—Every hospital having provisions for two hundred or more patients, should have in it, at least, eight distinct wards for each sex, making sixteen classes in the entire establishment.

VIII.—Each ward should have in it a parlor, a corridor, single lodging rooms for patients, and associated

dormitory communicating with a chamber for two attendants, a clothes-room, a bath-room, a water-closet, a dining-room, a dumb-waiter, and a speaking tube leading to the kitchen or other central part of the building.

IX.—No apartments should ever be provided for the confinement of patients, or for their lodging-rooms, that are not entirely above ground.

X.—No class of rooms should ever be constructed without some kind of window in each, communicating directly with the external atmosphere.

XI.—No chamber for the use of a single patient should ever be less than eight by ten feet, nor should the ceiling of any story occupied by patients be less than twelve feet in height.

XII.—The floors of patients' apartments should always be of wood.

XIII.—The stairways should always be of iron, stone, or other indestructible material, ample in size, in number and easy of ascent to afford convenient egress in case of accident from fire.

XIV.—A large hospital should consist of a main central building with wings.

XV.—The main central building should contain the offices, receiving-rooms for company, and apartments entirely private for the Superintending Physician and his family, in case that officer resides in the hospital building.

XVI.—The wings should be so arranged, that if rooms are placed on both sides of a corridor, the corridors should be furnished at both ends with movable glazed sashes, for the free admission of both light and air.

XVII.—The lighting should be by gas, on account of its convenience, cleanliness, safety and economy.

XVIII.—The apartments for washing, clothing, &c., should be detached from the hospital building.

XIX.—The drainage should be under ground, and all the inlets to the sewers should be properly secured, to prevent offensive emanations.

XX.—All hospitals should be warmed by passing an abundance of pure, fresh air from the external

atmosphere over the pipes or plates containing steam under low pressure, or hot water, the temperature of which, at the boiler, does not exceed 212 degrees Fah., and placed in the basement or cellar of the building to be heated.

**XXI.**—A complete system of forced ventilation in connection with the heating, is indispensable to give purity to the air of an hospital for the insane, and no expense that is required to effect this object thoroughly, can be deemed either misplaced or injudicious.

**XXII.**—The boilers for generating steam for warming the building, should be in a detached structure, connected with which may be the engine for pumping water, driving the washing apparatus, and other machinery.

**XXIII.**—All water closets should, as far as possible, be made of indestructible materials, be simple in their arrangement, and have a strong downward ventilation connected with them.

**XXIV.**—The floors of both rooms, water-closets and basement stories, should, as far as possible, be made of materials that will not absorb moisture.

XXV.—The wards for the most excited class should be constructed with rooms on but one side of a corridor, not less than ten feet wide, the external windows of which should be large, and have pleasant views from them.

XXVI.—Wherever practicable, the pleasure grounds of a hospital for the insane should be surrounded by a substantial wall, so placed as not to be unpleasantly visible from the building.

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#### ON THE ORGANIZATION OF AN HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

I.—The general controlling power should be vested in a Board of Trustees or Managers, if of a State Institution, selected in such a manner, as will be likely most effectually to protect it from all influences connected with political measures or political changes, if of a private corporation, by those properly authorized to vote.

II.—The Board of Trustees should not exceed twelve in number, and be composed of individuals possessing the public confidence, distinguished for liberality, intelligence, and active benevolence;

above all political influence, and able and willing faithfully to attend to the duties of their station. Their tenure of office should be so arranged, that where changes are deemed desirable, the terms of not more than one-third of the whole number should expire in any one year.

III.—The Board of Trustees should appoint the Physician, and on his nomination, and not otherwise, the Assistant Physician, Steward, and Matron. They should, as a board, or by committee, visit and examine every part of the Institution at frequent stated intervals, not less than semi-monthly, and at such other times as they may deem expedient, and exercise so careful a supervision over the expenditures and general operations of the Hospital, as to give to the community a proper degree of confidence in the correctness of its management.

IV.—The Physician should be the Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer of the establishment. Besides being a well-educated Physician, he should possess the mental, social, and physical qualities, to fit him for the post. He should serve during good behavior, reside on, or very

near the premises, and his compensation should be so liberal, as to enable him to devote his whole time and energies to the welfare of the Hospital. He should nominate, to the Board, suitable persons to act as Assistant Physician, Steward, and Matron; he should have entire control of the medical, moral, and dietetic treatment of the patients, the unrestricted power of appointment and discharge of all persons engaged in their care, and should exercise a general supervision and direction of every department of the Institution.

V.—The Assistant Physician, or Assistant Physicians, where more than one are required, should be graduates of medicine, of such character and qualifications as to be able to represent and to perform the ordinary duties of the Physician, during his absence.

VI.—The Steward, under the direction of the Superintending Physician, and by his order, should make all purchases for the Institution, keep the accounts, make engagements with, pay and discharge those employed about the establishment; have a supervision of the farm, garden, and

grounds, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him.

VII.—The Matron, under the direction of the Superintendent, should have a general supervision of the domestic arrangements of the house, and under the same direction, do what she can to promote the comfort and restoration of the patients.

VIII.—In institutions containing more than 200 patients, a second Assistant Physician, and an Apothecary, should be employed, to the latter of whom, other duties, in the male wards, may be conveniently assigned.

IX.—If a Chaplain is deemed desirable as a permanent officer, he should be selected by the Superintendent, and, like all others engaged in the care of patients, should be entirely under his direction.

X.—In every hospital for the insane, there should be one Supervisor for each sex, exercising a general oversight of all the attendants and patients, and forming a medium of communication between them and the officers.

XI.—In no institution should the number of persons in immediate attendance on the patients, be in a lower ratio than one attendant for every ten patients; and a much larger proportion of attendants will commonly be desirable.

XII.—The fullest authority should be given to the Superintendent to take every precaution that can guard against fire or accident within an institution, and to secure this, an efficient night-watch should always be provided.

XIII.—The situation and circumstances of different institutions may require a considerable number of persons to be employed in various other positions, but in every hospital, at least all those that have been referred to, are deemed not only desirable, but absolutely necessary, to give all the advantages that may be hoped for from a liberal and enlightened treatment of the insane.

XIV.—All persons employed in the care of the insane, should be active, vigilant, cheerful, and in good health. They should be of a kind and benevolent disposition, be educated, and in all respects

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## ALMS HOUSE DEPARTMENT.

RANDALL'S ISLAND,  
January 2d, 1860.

*To the Governors of the Alms House Department:*

GENTLEMEN:—I would, in compliance with the rules of your Honorable Board, respectfully report the Annual Statistics of the Department, for the year ending December 31st, 1859.

Number remaining, December 31st, 1858.....	1,320
Admitted during the year 1859.....	1,148 .

	2,468
Died .....	80
Discharged .....	1,217
Transferred.....	25
Eloped.....	4
	<hr/> 1,326

Number remaining, December 31st, 1859....	1,142
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For more minute details, I would refer you to the table marked A. You will find the ages of children admitted

during 1859, under table B. For the ages of children discharged, see table C.

The following gives the disposition of the children discharged:

**FOR INDENTURE—**

Boys.....	233
Girls .....	46
	— 279

**FOR ADOPTION—**

Boys.....	76
Girls .....	91
	— 167

**TO RELATIVES—**

Boys.....	398
Girls .....	233
	— 621
Total.....	1,077

Table D gives the cost of each inmate, clothing, provisions, salaries, &c.

On assuming the duties of Warden, upon the 16th day of May, 1859, I found the grounds, buildings, and all appertaining thereto in very good condition, and the internal arrangements of the Department working satisfactorily.

During the year that has closed, several improvements have been made, which will prove highly beneficial throughout all time to this Department.

We have erected a Boat-house 34 by 40 feet, which was very much needed, and which is a good substantial building, the carpenter's work of the building being entirely performed by the inmates without any expense to the Board.

I am happy to inform you, that increased accommodations for the care of the sick have been made, in adding a new wing to the North Hospital, which will give greater facilities to the Resident Physician for improving the sanitary condition of the children.

In connection with the above, I am pleased to announce to the Board, that through the goodness and mercy of Divine Providence we have been afflicted with but 80 deaths, which is 64 less than the mortality for 1858. Credit is due the Resident Physician and his Assistants, for the zeal and watchful care they have ever evinced in the discharge of their duties.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by your Body, July 19th, 1859, I have appointed as Matron of the Idiot House, Miss J. Whelby, who, I am convinced, has

devoted all her time to the best interests of those unfortunates placed under her charge.

The subject of the condition of the Idiot Children on this Island, has always enlisted the sympathies of the Governors, and in order to promote, as far as possible, their comfort and welfare, I proceeded to the State Idiot Asylum, at Syracuse, by your directions (for details of which I would respectfully refer to my report of that visit) and I am in hopes by the contemplated addition to the Idiot House, we may be enabled to improve the physical and mental condition of the children in that Department.

The children in general are in the enjoyment of excellent health and spirits, and after having passed through the festivities of the holiday season, are prepared to enter upon their duties with renewed ardor. They have been made the recipients of testimonials from bodies who have visited them, and have been pleased with their behavior and appearance.

The average attendance at school has been 668, and will compare favorably with any of our Ward Schools. One feature deserving of notice, is the introduction, by the Trustees, of pianos in each of the school rooms, and they have been instructed in the art of music twice each week, by a competent teacher. The progress made by the children convinces me that the expense is well bestowed.

I am happy to say, that a great amount of labor has been performed, both on the farm and in improving the grounds, the great extent of which constantly demand repairs and watching. The products of the farm, on this Island, will, it is gratifying to state, compare favorably with those of preceding years. The following are the products of farm and garden for 1859 :

Bushels potatoes.....	1,470
"    parsnips.....	450
"    carrots.....	375
"    beets .....	500
"    turnips, Russia.....	580
"        "    red topped.....	460
"        "    white ".....	150
"    onions .....	320
"    beans, Lima.....	180
"        "    string.....	100
"        "    cranberry .....	20
"    squash .....	100
"    spinach .....	500
"    melons, water.....	40
"        "    musk.....	20
"    parsley .....	50
"    cucumbers.....	20
"    egg plants.....	20
"    peppers .....	14

<del>Tomato</del> s sweet corn.....	250
.. shallots .....	180
.. tomatoes .....	300
.. radishes .....	60
.. peas .....	80
Heads cabbage, early.....	4,000
.. " late.....	25,000
.. cauliflowers.....	2,500
.. lettuce.....	13,000
.. leeks .....	8,000
.. celery.....	5,000
.. pumpkins.....	400
Bushels apples.....	100
.. " cider .....	122
.. pears .....	40
.. quinces .....	4
.. grapes.....	12
.. gooseberries.....	7
.. currants.....	9
.. cherries .....	30
.. strawberries.....	6
Bunches asparagus.....	35
.. rhubarb.....	30
.. thyme.....	300
.. sage .....	100

**List of Flowering Shrubs and Trees.**

Althea .....	1,500
Willow trees.....	150
Currant shrubs.....	400
Gooseberry shrubs.....	100

**List of Garden Seeds.**

Pounds parsnip.....	10
“ beet .....	12
“ spinach .....	9
“ leek.....	5
“ turnip.....	7
“ lettuce.....	2
“ celery .....	1
“ parsley .....	5
“ caraway.....	7
Bushels, oats.....	156
Tons, hay, upland.....	60
“ “ salt .....	30
Bushels yellow corn.....	250
Tons straw.....	6

Our larger boys in the Tailor Shop, under charge of Mr. Torrey, are composed principally of those who are lame and crippled, to the number of thirty. These work, on an average, three hours per day, and are becoming fast adepts

in the art of sewing—especially is this the case with the boys who are defective, and who, probably, will here lay the foundation of the trade that will become their support through life. It pleases me to say that six of our larger boys who are lame, and unfitted for any other labor, have obtained good places, with tailors, in New-York.

The following articles of clothing have been manufactured by the boys:

Boys' pants.....	1,336
"    jackets.....	1,305
Mens' coats.....	23
"    vests.....	15
"    pants.....	32
Flannel shirts.....	11
Drawers, pairs.....	35
Suspenders, pairs.....	848
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Total articles.....	3,605

In addition to the above, the weekly repairing of the clothing for male adult inmates was done, averaging 30 pieces per week.

A class composed of a few of the larger girls in Nursery Department, under supervision of Miss Robinson, have,

during the year, made and turned into the Store the annexed articles :

Aprons .....	1,728
Towels .....	4,000
Table cloths.....	59
Sheets.....	174
Suspenders, pairs.....	179
Bed spreads.....	185
“ ticks .....	70
Boat cushions.....	8
Cushion covers.....	8
Capes .....	42
Bolster cases.....	45
Napkins .....	24
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Making a total of.....	6,522

They have also repaired the following amount of clothing:

Petticoats.....	380
Frocks .....	200
Aprons, Nankeen .....	170
Hose, Pairs .....	100
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Total clothing repaired.....	850

We are blasting on East side of the Island, when the weather will permit, and are getting out stone enough to inclose a coal yard, sufficiently large enough to contain all the coal used here. We hope to have it completed early in the ensuing spring, in time to receive the quantity for next winter's consumption.

I would respectfully suggest the propriety of having a reservoir built capable of containing sufficient water, in the event of a failure or damage to the pipes. It is an improvement very much needed, and would be of incalculable advantage in case of an accident in the supply of Croton Water.

Permit me also to call your attention to the defective system of ventilation now in use in the dormitories of the children. The means applied to secure a thorough ventilating of those apartments are very imperfect, and in view thereof I would beg leave to recommend the subject to your earliest attention.

The importance of the matter must be acknowledged, and it will, therefore, be unnecessary for me to enumerate the advantages which will accrue from such an improvement, and can be accomplished at a trifling expense.

There has been laid 700 square feet of stone curbing, and 6,000 square feet of brick walk to replace the unsightly plank, and which is more durable and economical, and which adds very much to the appearance of the Island.

In conclusion, I would beg leave to thank the Board of Governors, and the Committee on Randall's Island, for the evident desire to aid and counsel me in the discharge of my duties, which being entirely new to me, may be supposed to have been attended with considerable difficulty; and also, for the prompt and speedy manner in which my requisitions have been answered.

I am also under obligations to the officers of this Department for their co-operation in all matters requiring their aid and time. To the Resident Physician, Dr. H. N. Whittelsey, I am deeply indebted for his aid and assistance.

Mrs. Jane Ley, Principal Matron, and her corps of Assistants, are deserving of mention, for their devotion to the children.

Also to Mr. Ripley, who has faithfully performed his

duties. And all the employees have, I think, performed theirs well and satisfactorily.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours, &c.,

MOSES E. CRASTO,

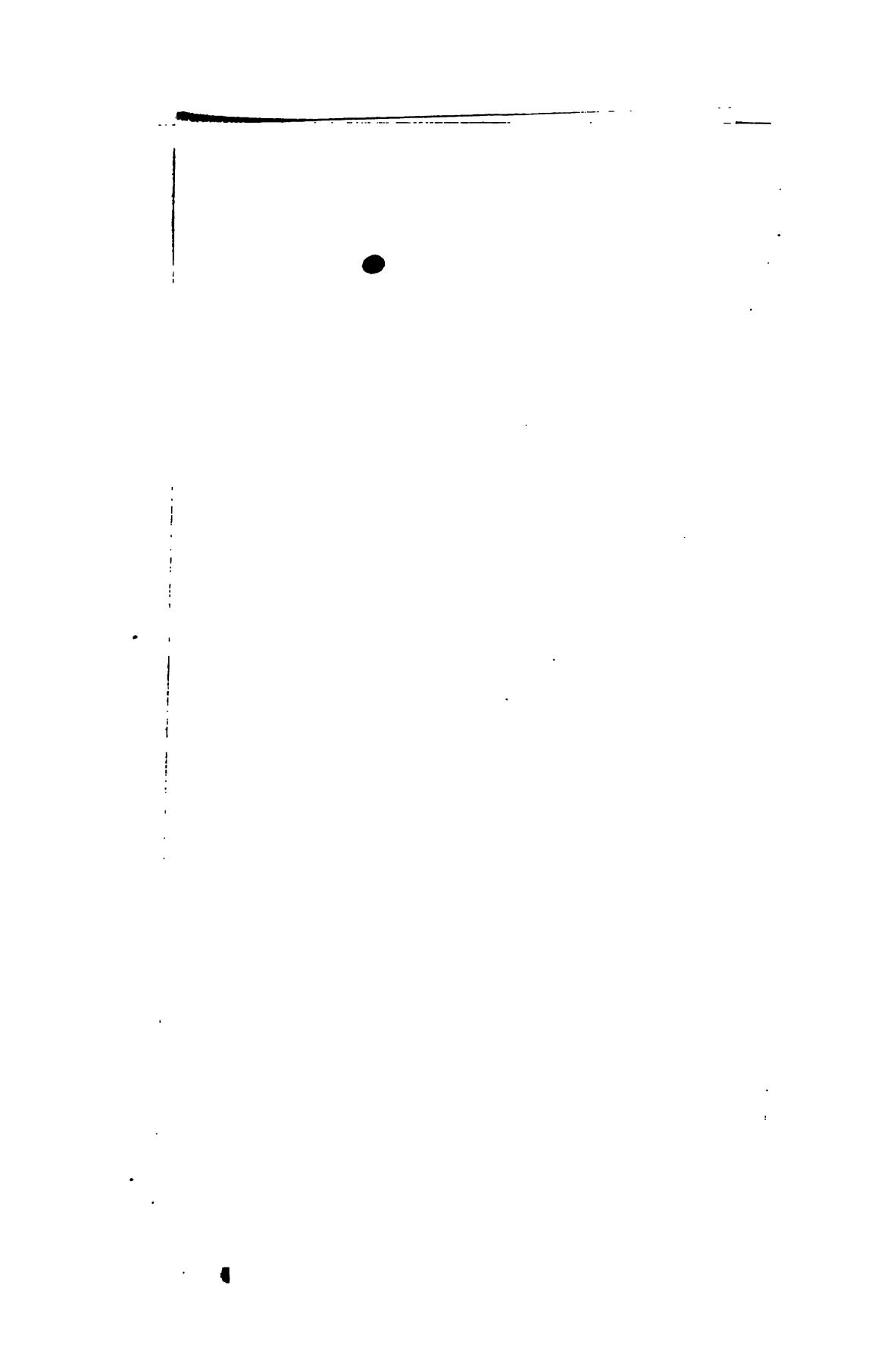
*Warden.*

Table A.

MONTHS.	ADMISSIONS, 1858.		DISCHARGES, 1859.		DEATHS, 1859.		TRANS. FERS, 1859.		ELOPEMENTS, 1859.	
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Men.	Women.
Jan.	2	5	26	69	58	11	1	3	25	12
Feb.	1	4	34	20	55	46	9	2	51	10
Mar.	20	4	33	26	83	65	28	18	1	71
April	13	13	59	36	108	87	21	25	4	81
May	13	13	61	34	108	84	24	9	45	159
June	8	8	66	34	108	86	22	2	41	32
July	6	9	64	36	115	89	26	2	3	50
August	6	1	63	47	117	100	17	4	1	63
Sept.	2	2	58	28	88	79	9	18	4	71
Oct.	8	16	62	36	122	87	35	9	6	64
Nov.	9	3	46	32	90	67	23	4	12	72
Dec.	4	1	41	40	85	71	14	8	3	71
TOTAL.	92	38	623	395	1148	909	239	100	40	707
									216	1217
									2	None.
									16	925
									3	22
									4	None.
									4	4 None.

**Table B.**  
AGES OF CHILDREN ADMITTED IN 1869.

**Table C.**  
AGES OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED IN 1859.





## NURSERY HOSPITAL.

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*To the Governors of the Alms House:*

GENTLEMEN:—The following is respectfully submitted as the Annual Report of the Nursery Hospital for 1859.

There were remaining in the Hospital, January 1, 1859, 262 patients. There have been received during the year, 984. 912 have been discharged, 78 have died, and 256 are remaining. The whole number under treatment is 1,245. The ratio of mortality is  $6\frac{1}{100}$ .

Many of the children admitted to the Hospital have suffered from a variety of diseases, as may be seen by reference to the annexed Table of diseases treated, which more accurately represents the business of the Hospital—the whole number being 2,027, on which the ratio of mortality is  $3\frac{8}{100}$ .

Two deaths, not included in the above summary, have occurred from among the adult inmates of the Alms House.

Annexed hereto are tables showing the ages of all chil-

dren admitted, and of those who have died; the departments from which each class have been received; the diseases causing death; with a table of the diseases of those treated during the year.

There has been no serious epidemic during the past year. The health of the inmates of the Nursery at large is, at the present time, good.

The spacious addition to the North Hospital, so much needed, is now nearly completed, and partially occupied. This important improvement serves to relieve the crowded condition of our wards, and furnish increased facilities for the care and treatment of the sick.

It affords me peculiar pleasure to present the flattering statement I am permitted to make of the affairs of this Department for the past year, and I confidently trust that it will prove gratifying to your Honorable Board.

My efforts in this field of labor have been ably seconded by the devoted and skillful professional services of my Assistants, Drs. John T. Crook and Wm. Foggo.

Much credit is also due the Matrons having in charge the Domestic Department of the Hospitals, for their disinterested zeal, in alleviating the sufferings and ministering

to the comforts of the sick under their care. Their duties are arduous and constant; making continual demand upon them for sympathy and kindness, that requires and obtains great self-denial and industry. I cordially commend them to your favorable consideration.

In closing, permit me to express my sense of obligation to your Honorable Board for the uniform consideration and personal kindness shown me during the entire period of my service.

Most respectfully submitted,

HENRY N. WHITTELSEY, M. D.

*Resident Physician.*

RANDALL'S ISLAND,

*January 1st, 1860.*

## TABLE

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ADMITTED AND DECEASED  
FROM EACH DEPARTMENT OF THE NURSERY.

	Admitted.	Deceased.
<b>Admitted from the City and Quarantine .....</b>	237	38
"    "    "    Infant Nursery.....	245	29
"    "    "    Boys'    "	254	5
"    "    "    Girls'    "	49	1
"    "    "    Small boys Nursery.....	190	2
"    "    "    Idiot House.....	10	3
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>78</b>

## TABLE

SHOWING THE AGES OF CHILDREN ADMITTED, AND OF THOSE  
WHO HAVE DIED.

	Admitted.	Deceased.
<b>Admitted between 1 and 2 years of age.....</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>21</b>
"    "    2    "    3    "    "    ".....	112	21
"    "    3    "    4    "    "    ".....	136	11
"    "    4    "    5    "    "    ".....	139	4
"    "    5    "    6    "    "    ".....	91	4
"    "    6    "    7    "    "    ".....	93	2
"    "    7    "    8    "    "    ".....	53	2
"    "    8    "    9    "    "    ".....	61	0
"    "    9    "    10   "    "    ".....	47	3
"    "    over 10 years of age.....	115	10
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>78</b>

T A B L E  
OF THE  
DISEASES OF THOSE WHO DIED.

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Ascites .....	2	Muco Enteritis.....	3
Caries Vertebrarum.....	3	Nephritis .....	2
Cachexia Scrofulosa.....	1	Peritonitis .....	1
"    Venerea.....	1	Pneumonia.....	4
"    Tuberculosa ....	5	Pleuro-peri Pneumonia....	1
Cerebritis.....	2	Phthisis .....	6
Conjestio Cerebri. ....	1	Rubeola cum Dysenteria...	2
Cholera Infantum.....	1	"    " Pneumonia...	1
Cynanche Trachealis.....	1	"    " Stomatitis...	1
Dysenteria.....	6	Scarlatina Anginosa.....	1
Erysipelas.....	1	Stomatitis Gangranosus....	4
Febris Typhoides.....	1	Tabes Mesenterica.....	23
Hydrocephalus .....	2		—
Morbus Coxarius.....	2	TOTAL .....	78

T A B L E  
OF THE  
DISEASES OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TREATED DURING THE YEAR.

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Albuminuria .....	2	Cholera Infantum.....	1
Ascites.....	2	Chorea.....	2
Abscessus Scrofulosa.....	17	Corneitis .....	34
"    Femoralis .....	8	Conjunctivitis .....	101
"    Lumborum .....	3	Cachexia Scrofulosa.....	8
"    Simplex .....	22	"    Venerea.....	4
"    of Scalp.....	3	"    Tuberculosa.....	6
"    Lacrymalis .....	4	Conjestio Cerebri.....	1
Adenitis.....	4	Cerebritis.....	2
Amputatio .....	1	Debilitas .....	23
Amenorrhœa .....	1	Dysenteria .....	77
Anasarca .....	1	Diarrhœa.....	99
Bronchitis Capillaris.....	6	Eczema .....	86
"    Simplex .....	41	Erysipelas.....	20
Calculi .....	2	Epilepsia .....	7
Convulsiones .....	11	Entropium.....	3
Caries Vertebrarum .....	12	Febris Ephemera.....	22
"    Tibiœ .....	3	"    Simplex.....	23
Cynanche Trachealis.....	3	"    Typhodes .....	10
Cholera Morbus .....	32	"    Intermittens.....	1

Febris Remittens .....	3	Otorrhea.....	17
Fracture Radii .....	2	Onychia .....	6
"    Femoris.....	3	Ophthalmia Scrofulosa....	132
Gangroena Auri.....	1	"    Catauhalis....	23
"    Vulvæ .....	2	"    Purulenta....	89
Gastritis.....	3	"    Pustulosa ....	87
Gastralgia .....	2	"    Tarsi .....	24
Gastric Derangement .....	31	Pneumonia Simplex.....	42
Glossitis .....	2	"    Duplex.....	45
Hydrocephalus .....	5	"    Typhoides.....	8
Hepatitis .....	4	Pleuro peri pneumonia ....	2
Herpes .....	10	Pertussis .....	44
Hernia .....	5	Potophobia .....	28
Hypopion.....	1	Pleuritis.....	10
Hydrathius .....	1	Phthisis .....	21
Hemiplegia .....	2	Peritonitis .....	2
Impetigo .....	25	Pericarditis .....	1
Injuria.....	44	Purpura.....	1
Iritis .....	1	Prolapsus Ani.....	7
I. rrus .....	12	Psoriasis .....	1
I. bricoides .....	6	Porrigo .....	45
I. s Exedens.....	1	Paronychia.....	4
Laryngitis .....	24	Periostitis .....	2
Morbus Coxarius.....	20	Parotitis .....	16
Muco Enteritis .....	7	Ptosis.....	1
Molluscum .....	2	Pityriasis .....	2
Nephritis .....	2	Rubeola .....	168
Necrosis.....	3	"    cum Bronchitis....	6

Rubeola cum Diarrhea....	10	Stomatitis Gangrenosus....	29
"    "    Dysenteria...	6	Tonsillitis .....	6
"    "    Pneumonia..	13	Tabes Mesenterica .....	28
"    "    Stomatitis ..	7	Urticaria ....	4
Rheumatismus.....	3	Ustio .....	5
Scarlatina.....	8	Ulcus Simplex.....	15
"    Anginosa .....	1	"    Corneæ .....	7
Scabies.....	32	"    Vericosa.....	1
Sclerotitis.....	2	Variola, sequellæ.....	2
Synovitis .....	9	Varicella .....	29
Stomatitis Ulceratus.....	32		—
"    Aphthous.....	24	Total.....	2,029

## PENITENTIARY.

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OFFICE, NEW-YORK PENITENTIARY,  
BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,  
*31st December, 1859.*

*To the Board of Governors of the  
Alms House, City of New-York:*

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I most respectfully present the Report of the Penitentiary, for the year 1859, (having assumed charge thereof, on the 16th day of May, 1859,) accompanied by tabular statements showing the age, condition, nativity, education, and other interesting facts relating to the convicts under my charge.

The general health of the prison during the year, has been all that could be desired, and has been exempt from all epidemic or contagious diseases. The deaths, 15 in number, being generally the results of diseases incident to the convict, previous to his commitment.

The number received during the year, shows a slight decrease from the previous year, and leaves a less number of convicts.

The convicts have manifested, at all times, the utmost docility, submission and discipline, have labored diligently and faithfully at the several employments, and while the closest economy has been exercised in all the expenditures, yet nothing has been withheld, calculated, in any degree, to affect the health or well-being of the convicts.

The labor of the Institution has been chiefly employed in erecting the new Island Hospital, and the new wing to prison, both of which buildings are now inclosed, and will be completed at an early day.

I would call the attention of the Board to the urgent necessity of proceeding in the erection of new buildings for the use of the convicts; the total number of convicts being "762," while the number of cells amounts to - 736,- leaving "26" without cells. The want of adequate room prevents any attempt at the proper classification and separation of convicts, which is greatly required in a penal institution. The erection of a proper building for a mess-room, wash-house, kitchen, etc., is also much desired.

The total number of commitments during the year, amounts to 2,079, out of which number but 1,515 were for the first offence, the residue, 564, being a class who regard this institution as a home, and are seldom away for any continued length of time, and constitute, at any time, a large proportion of the prisoners: and some feasible means

should be adopted to relieve the city of the onerous burden of their support, and the young and comparatively inexperienced criminals here from the corrupting influences of their example.

The law of the State, in defining the punishment for the crime of petit larceny, expressly provides that for the subsequent conviction of the offence, the punishment should be imprisonment in the State prison for a term of years; but this provision of the law is in this county wholly inoperative, owing to the fact of the Courts having no proof of the convict having committed the first offence, and in consequence, criminals are brought before the Courts, some of them many times during the year, often to escape totally, owing to the failure of the prosecution to appear, or to receive a punishment of one to six months in the Penitentiary, occupying the time and exertions of the police to arrest, and the Courts for their conviction, and in many instances crowding the courts so much with this class of offenders, that they are unable to make that just and merciful discrimination in the dispensation of justice which is above all so requisite. If the certainty was apparent to the minds of this body of criminals, that the conviction for the second time of petit larceny would result in a prompt and severe punishment, many would cease their depredations, at least in this city; and in the course of a very brief period, this Institution would be relieved of a large

number of its inmates, and our citizens from the depredations of petty thieves, which in the aggregate constitutes an important sum.

By changes in the State Laws, nearly all convicts convicted in this city, under the age of 21 years, are now sentenced to this Institution for terms varying from one to ten years, and now number 176 males and 17 females, and will largely increase in number for some years to come; they, in my opinion, require some special attention toward the improvement of their moral and intellectual condition. Their youth, and the time they have to remain in the Institution, affords ample opportunity for their complete instruction in some mechanical calling, by means of which they might be enabled, in the future, to procure a livelihood by their own exertions. A large proportion of them are destitute of the merest rudiments of education; and as it is an undoubted fact, that ignorance is often the cause of crime, it is a paramount obligation on those, into whose hands they are committed for so long a period of their lives, (when they are more susceptible of moral government and direction than older, and more reckless and abandoned criminals,) to make some provision for their education and moral welfare, as many might be saved in the future, for themselves and society.

In the case of all convicts committed to the State

Prison, ample provision is made towards furnishing them with suitable clothing, upon their discharge, and sufficient money to provide for their immediate wants.

No such provision is made here ; and, in consequence, they are discharged at the expiration of a long term of imprisonment, often in the depth of winter, without adequate clothing, or the means of satisfying the pressing wants of cold and hunger.

In the case of a convict escaping from the State Prison, the Warden is authorized to offer a reward for his capture ; the propriety of extending the same protection to his safety when the place of his confinement is changed to the Penitentiary, is at once apparent.

The shops connected with this Institution have been conducted in a very faithful and energetic manner, during the year.

The carpenters and painters, in charge of Mr. Geo. P. Bloomer, have performed all the work and repairs to the Institution, as well as the manufacture of buckets, barrows, &c., required.

The masons, in charge of Mr. Joshua Parker, have done all the repairs to buildings required ; the plastering, flag-

ging, &c., of the new wing, and the construction of a large ice-house, at the Reservoir.

The Shoemakers and Tailors, in charge of Mr. Robert McGee, have made all the shoes required for the children on Randall's Island, and a large number sent to the store-house. Also, clothing for this, and other Institutions, and making and mending for this.

The Stone Cutters, in charge of Mr. James Mahony, have been largely increased, and now number 112 men, whose terms of sentence are mostly for two years and upwards. They have executed all the stone work for the new Island Hospital, and new wing to Penitentiary. The workmanship has been excellent, and reflects the highest degree of credit on the keeper in charge.

The quarries, in charge of Mr. John De Mott and Mr. Philip E. Brown, have been most actively engaged, and have furnished an ample supply of stone for the buildings erected on the Island, and for sea-wall.

The Blacksmiths, in charge of Mr. Robert W. Hunt, have been engaged on the iron work for the new wing, and other Institutions. Sharpening tools, shoeing horses, and general blacksmith work.

The lands attached to the Institution, in charge of Mr.

Samuel Ruth, have yielded an ample supply of all vegetables for the place.

The female convicts, under Mrs. Ella H. Hallowell, the Matron, have manufactured a large quantity of clothing for this, and other Institutions.

As the buildings on the Island, in the progress of erection, are now nearly completed, the labor of a very large portion of the convicts, both male and female, could be contracted out to the advantage of the Institution, in a pecuniary point of view; and the employment of the convicts in shops, is much more advantageous in the point of discipline and control, than when they are employed in the open air, which affords them opportunities for conversation, beyond the control of the keeper in charge; and I trust your Board will, at an early day, take measures to have the convicts permanently employed.

I would most respectfully tender my thanks to the Committee of your Board, in charge of this Institution, Messrs. Isaac Townsend, Washington Smith, and Wm. T. Pinkney, for the interest they have at all times manifested, and the care with which they have supervised the operations of the Institution.

To the Deputy Warden, Mr. Samuel P. Atkinson, and

the Clerk, Mr. John E. Flagler, as well the Keepers and Guards generally, I am under many obligations for the uniform zeal, attention, and ability they have at all times manifested in the performance of their respective duties.

I am, gentlemen,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ROBT. G. WALMSLEY,

*Warden Penitentiary.*

THE FOLLOWING SHOWS THE TOTAL DEBIT AND CREDIT ACCOUNT OF THE PENTITIORY DEPARTMENT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1859.

**Dr.**

**Cr.**

To amount stock on hand, 31st Dec., 1858	\$21,078 49	By Goods returned to store, " Sales Bones, &c., " Rotunda," Convict Labor, &c., " New Island Hospital," Randall's Island, Small Pox Hospital, Bill vs. Work House, shoeing cattle, &c.	\$19,106 41
" " as per bills from store	58,002 31	" "	1,027 06
" " Fresh Beef bills, (contract)	6,695 80	" "	
" " Officers Salaries for 1859.	27,367 16	" "	29,742 25
" " Bills paid at "Rotunda,"	285 29	" "	60 75
" " Board of our men at Work House	475 50	" "	12 24
16 " " Board of our men, Randall's Island.....	80 00	" " Lunatic Asylum, shoeing cattle, &c. " Alms House, sundries. " Convict Labor for J. S. Meyers. " " Messrs. Duggan Brother. " Material and Labor, " New Wing to Prison," " Amount stock on hand, 31st Dec., 1859 " Balance.....	62 36 4 50 9 61 40 78 15 02 46,152 96 16,855 92 894 74
			\$113,984 55

*Cost of (and material used in) erecting the New Wing to Penitentiary, up to 31st Dec., 1859, Convict Labor included.*

To actual expense in 1858.....	\$20,908 52
" Convict labor     "	16,060 45
	————— \$36,968 97

**1859.**

To Cash paid Mechanics.....	\$23,513 21
" Proposals for iron work, (printing).	13 60
" one horse.....	175 00
" Rope, &c.....	50 22
" Hair and Lath for plastering.....	47 80
" Flags for cells.....	2,156 00
" Glass, Paint, &c.....	150 30
" Architects on account.....	1,000 00
" Duggan for roof.....	1,731 00
" Lumber.....	829 05
" Lime and Cement.....	858 39
" Sand.....	234 98
" Pig Lead.....	471 35
" Brick.....	251 25
" Locks.....	630 00
" Hardware .....	29 44
" Drain Pipe.....	248 58
" Sundries, (Mason's Lines, Levels, &c.)	22 77
	—————
	\$32,412 94
To Convict Labor bill for 1859.....	13,740 02
	————— \$46,152 96
	—————
	\$83,121 93

**RECAPITULATION.**

Actual Expense.....	\$53,321 46
Convict Labor.....	29,800 47
	—————
	\$83,121 93

The following is a tabular statement of the number of Male and Female Convicts, received from 1st January to 31st December, 1859, inclusive.

## RECEIVED.

1859.	Males.		Females.		TOTAL.
	W.	B.	W.	B.	
January.....	115	8	36	1	160
February.....	144	19	32	5	200
March.....	135	11	36	2	184
April.....	114	12	44	....	170
May.....	91	11	38	5	145
June.....	99	10	33	2	144
July.....	124	9	47	4	184
August.....	124	8	55	2	189
September.....	110	8	42	4	164
October.....	130	12	48	2	192
November.....	109	11	31	3	154
December.....	142	7	39	5	193
Total.....	1437	126	481	35	2079

The following is a tabular statement of the number of Male and Female Convicts discharged from 1st January, to 31st December, 1859, inclusive.

## DISCHARGED.

1859.	Males.		Females.		TOTAL.
	W.	B.	W.	B.	
January .....	113	5	33	4	155
February.....	127	15	36	1	179
March .....	152	15	49	..	216
April .....	133	18	47	3	196
May .....	139	17	33	..	189
June.....	102	7	38	2	149
July .....	109	10	35	4	158
August.....	117	18	37	3	175
September .....	114	11	52	4	181
October .....	120	10	39	1	170
November .....	128	5	48	2	183
December .....	101	7	23	8	139
Total.....	1455	133	470	32	2090

The following table shows the number of convicts remaining here, on the 31st December, 1858; how many have been received and discharged during 1859, and how many were remaining on the 31st December, 1859:

1859.	Males.		Females.		TOTAL.
	W.	B.	W.	B.	
Rem'g 31st Dec., 1858.	551	57	154	11	773
Rec. during the y'r end-ing 31st Dec., 1859. }	1437	126	481	35	2079
Total.....	1988	183	635	46	2852
Deceased .....	10	3	2	.....	15
Pardoned .....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Discharged.....	1441	130	468	32	2071
Total.....	1455	133	470	32	2090
Remain'g 31st Dec. '59.	533	50	165	14	762

The following table shows the number of Convicts pardoned by the Governor of the State, or discharged by Habeas Corpus, during 1859.

	Males.		Females.		TOTAL.
	W.	B.	W.	B.	
By the Gov'r of the State of N. Y.	3	....	.....	....	3
" Habeas Corpus. ....	....	....	1	....	1
TOTAL.....	3	....	1	....	4

NUMBER OF DEATHS DURING 1859.

	Males.		Females.		TOTAL.
	W.	B.	W.	B.	
	10	3	2	....	15

The following is a classification table of the Ages of the Male and Female Convicts received from 1st January, to 31st December, 1859, inclusive :

AGES.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Under 15 years.	3	3	
From 15 to 20 "	366	88	
" 20 " 25 "	431	95	
" 25 " 30 "	267	120	
" 30 " 35 "	160	80	
" 35 " 40 "	126	71	
" 40 " 45 "	88	29	
" 45 " 50 "	51	16	
" 50 " 55 "	33	5	
" 55 " 60 "	15	2	
" 60 " 65 "	21	7	
" 65 " 70 "	....	....	
Over 70 "	2	....	
Total....	1563	516	2079

The following table shows the Nativities of the Male and Female Convicts, received from 1st January to 31st December, 1859, inclusive :

NATIVITIES.	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Natives .....	595	101	
Ireland .....	591	319	
England.....	89	28	
Scotland.....	18	23	
Wales .....	2	....	
Canada .....	14	6	
German States.....	197	37	
France .....	26	....	
Spain .....	4	....	
Italy .....	9	....	
West Indies .....	7	1	
Russia.....	2	....	
China .....	2	....	
New Brunswick.....	2	....	
Switzerland .....	2	....	
East Indies.....	1	....	
Sweden.....	2	....	
At Sea.....	....	1	
Total.....	1563	516	2079

The following table shows the Crimes committed by the Male and Female Convicts, received from 1st January to 31st December, inclusive:

CRIMES.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Assault.....	5	2	
Assault with dangerous weapon, &c.	11	....	
Assault with intent to Rob.....	8	....	
Assault and Battery.....	385	66	
Arson in 4th degree.....	1	....	
Attempt at Arson, in 4th degree...	3	1	
Burglary in 3rd degree.....	14	....	
"    "    Attempt at..	31	....	
Cruelty to a Horse.....	1	....	
Conspiracy to obstruct Justice.....	1	....	
"    "    to Defraud.....	1	....	
Forgery in 4th degree.....	14	....	
Gambling.....	2	....	
Grand Larceny.....	21	3	
"    "    Attempt at.....	41	14	
Embezzlement.....	1	....	
Indecent exposure of person.....	12	....	
Keeping disorderly house.....	8	8	
Malicious Mischief.....	7	2	
Petit Larceny.....	963	418	
"    "    Attempt at.....	25	1	
Obtaining Goods by false pretences..	2	1	
Receiving Stolen Goods (Scientia,)	4	....	
Rescue Prisoners, Attempt to.....	2	....	
	1563	516	2079

The following table will show the term of commitments of the Male and Female Convicts, received from 1st January to 31st December, 1859, inclusive :

TERMS.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
10 Days .....	1	....	
15 " .....	1	....	
30 " .....	1	....	
1 Month .....	193	60	
2 " .....	288	87	
3 " .....	371	122	
4 " .....	241	82	
5 " .....	10	5	
6 " .....	298	141	
7 "	1	....	
8 "	3	....	
9 "	15	3	
10 "	....	1	
1 Year.....	73	12	
18 Months .....	1	....	
2 Years .....	29	2	
2 Years and 3 Months.....	....	1	
2 " 4 " .....	2	....	
2 " 6 " .....	9	....	
3 Years .....	3	....	
3 Years and 4 Months.....	1	....	
3 " 6 " .....	11	....	
3 " 8 " .....	2	....	
4 " 2 " .....	1	....	

TERMS.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
<b>ELOPED IN FORMER YEARS, NOW SERVING BALANCE OF THEIR TIME.</b>			
5 Days .....	1	....	
20 " .....	1	....	
1 Month and 24 Days.....	1	....	
2 " 15 "	1	....	
4 " 19 "	1	....	
4 " 22 "	1	....	
6 " 19 "	1	....	
10 " 8 "	1	....	
Total.....	1563	516	2079

Classification Table, showing the Education of the Male and Female Convicts received from 1st January to 31st December, 1859, inclusive :

EDUCATION.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Read and write well.....	322	37	
“ “ “ imperfectly....	707	101	
“ well.....	1	26	
“ imperfectly.....	181	78	
Uneducated.....	352	274	
Total .....	1563	516	2079

This Table shows the Number of Times the Male and Female Convicts have been Committed that have been received from 1st January to 31st December, 1859, inclusive :

TIMES COMMITTED.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
1st Time.....	1085	430	
2d    "	252	43	
3d    "	106	21	
4th    "	44	10	
5th    "	19	3	
6th    "	17	3	
7th    "	14	2	
8th    "	13	1	
9th    "	10	2	
10th    "		1	
11th    "	1	....	
12th    "	2	....	
Total.....	1563	516	2079

The following table shows the social relation of the Male and Female Convicts, received from 1st January to 31st December, 1859, inclusive :

RELATIONS.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Single .....	1014	167	
Married .....	540	221	
Widows.....	....	128	
Widowers.....	9	....	
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>1563</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>2079</b>

Classification table, showing the occupation of Male Convicts received from 1st January to 31st December, 1859:

OCCUPATION.	NO.	OCCUPATION.	NO.
Awning makers.....	2	Gas Fitters.....	3
Bricklayers .....	7	Guilders .....	2
Butchers .....	43	Gold Beater.....	1
Barbers .....	26	Hatters .....	6
Brush-maker .....	1	Harness-makers.....	4
Bakers.....	32	Locksmiths.....	5
Blacksmiths.....	32	Laborers.....	756
Book Binders.....	8	Lather.....	1
Boiler-makers.....	7	Mat-maker .....	1
Boatmen.....	25	Linguist.....	1
Boat-builders.....	2	Machinists.....	11
Brass-finishers.....	2	Masons .....	11
Basket-makers.....	2	Moulders.....	10
Box-maker .....	1	Marble Cutter.....	1
Brewer .....	1	Musician .....	1
Book-keeper.....	1	Painters.....	30
Caulkers .....	6	Printers.....	20
Cartmen.....	13	Plasterers .....	7
Clerks.....	22	Plumbers.....	8
Coopers.....	9	Polishers .....	7
Carpenters.....	51	Paper-makers.....	2
Chair-seaters .....	5	Pocket Book-maker .....	1
Cabinet-makers .....	11	Physician .....	1
Cooks .....	28	Rope-makers .....	4
Chemist.....	1	Sailors.....	60
Cutler .....	1	Shoe-makers.....	80
Currier.....	1	Stone Cutters.....	7
Coppersmith .....	1	Sail-makers .....	10
Confectioner .....	1	Segar-makers .....	8
Dyer.....	1	Steel Plate-maker .....	1
Engineers .....	5	Spectacle-maker .....	1
Engravers.....	7	Silver Plater .....	3
Gardeners.....	36	Soap-maker .....	1
File Cutter.....	1	Spar-maker .....	1

OCCUPATION.	NO.	OCCUPATION.	NO.
Tailors.....	66	Watch-maker.....	1
Tinsmiths.....	17	White Washer .....	1
Turners.....	9	Umbrella makers.....	3
Trunk-maker .....	1	Wire Worker.....	1
Upholsterers.....	5		
Waiters.....	26	Total....	1563
Weavers.....	5		

Classification Table, showing the occupation of Female Convicts received from 1st January to 31st December, 1859, inclusive :

OCCUPATION.	NO.	OCCUPATION.	NO.
Book Folder.....	1	Seamstresses .....	42
Cap-maker.....	1	Sewing Machine Operator	1
Cooks .....	12	Tailoresses .....	28
Dress-makers.....	14	Servants.....	239
Dayworkers.....	24	Washerwomen.....	18
Housekeepers .....	122		
Milliners.....	9	Total. ....	516
Paper Box-makers.....	5		

STORE DEPARTMENT,  
BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,

*January 1st, 1860.*

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*To the Governors of the Alms House:*

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit to your Honorable Body, my first (it being the eleventh) Annual Report of the Store Department and Bakery, Blackwell's Island, for the last year, as well as the present condition of each, also the amount of Stock and Fixtures on hand.

Amount of Stock on hand, Jan. 1st, 1859.....	\$25,985 35
Received from City per requisitions.....	219,994 02
"    " Alms House.....	8,129 83
"    " Work " .....	24,782 16
"    " Penitentiary.....	19,106 41
"    " Lunatic Asylum .....	4,122 46
"    " Bakery .....	70,961 75
"    " Randall's Island.....	714 50
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	\$373,796 48
Distributed to Institutions per requisition.....	349,621 02
Stock on hand, January 1st, 1860.....	\$24,175 46

Accompanying this you will find a tabular statement showing the amount of goods distributed monthly to each Institution; also, one showing the monthly receipts of goods from the different departments.

Previous to my taking charge of the Store Department, there had been arrangements entered into for building a dock 50 by 25 feet, running 50 feet from bulkhead, which would have been a great advantage in discharging heavy freight; but unfortunately, there is not as much water at the end of the new pier as there is alongside of the old bulkhead, which makes it almost useless.

The Bakery, in charge of Mr. Alfred Chancellor, Master Baker, has been conducted in an efficient and energetic manner. He has labored under many disadvantages, in consequence of not having sufficient ovens for doing his work, there being a large increase of inmates in the Institutions, and only having the same facilities for baking, now, than they had eleven years ago, when the numbers were much less.

I would, therefore, respectfully recommend, that an addition of 30 feet be built to the bake-house, which would give sufficient room for two more ovens, and also giving us more loft room for storing flour, which, I think, can be built at an expense of about \$12 or \$1400.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN FITCH,

*Storekeeper.*

**STORE DEPARTMENT, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.**

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**INVENTORY OF STOCK ON HAND,**

*January 1st, 1860.*

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**DRY GOODS.**

2329½	yds. Gingham.....	@ \$ 0 11½	\$267 89
187	" Wool Plaid .....	15	28 05
1213½	" Furniture Check.....	11	133 48
875	" Apron " .....		41 25
87½	" Kentucky Jean.....	18	6 71
510	" Calico.....	8	40 80
268½	" Canton Flannel.....	10	28 64
74	" Red " .....	26½	19 61
689½	" Bleached Muslin .....	8	55 18
926½	" Drillings.....	8½	78 73
443	" Sheetng .....	8½	36 54
340	" Satinett.....	40	136 00
1435½	" Burlaps.....	11½	165 11
20	" Rag Carpet.....	50	10 00
20	" Cotton Yarn.....	28	5 60
54	lbs. Linen Thread .....	95	51 30
19	" Sewing Cotton, ass'd.....	50	9 50
18 g. gro.	Suspender Buttons.....	75	13 50

3 g gro. Shirt Buttons .....	@	\$1 50	\$ 4 50
35 " Vest " .....		20	7 00
90 " Jacket " .....		50	45 00
2 " Brass " .....			1 00
4 " Hooks and Eyes.....		17	68
22 " Shoe Lacers.....		20	4 40
28 doz. Spool Cotton.....		42	12 16
1 " Tape.....		20	20
4 pcks. Pins.....		60	2 40
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			\$1,226 04

**WEARING APPAREL.**

61 Kersey Jackets.....	@	\$ 1 50	\$ 91 50
51 Denim " .....		60	30 60
492 pairs Prison Pants (summer).....		50	246 00
102 Kersey Vests.....		75	76 50
56 pairs Denim Pants.....		50	28 00
1203 " Mens' Shoes.....		1 25	1503 75
339 " Womens' " .....		1 00	339 00
16 " Slippers.....		50	8 00
25 " Kersey Mittens.....		10	2 50
255 " pairs Stockings.....		2 50	637 50
240 " " Socks.....		1 75	420 00
11½ doz. Kersey Petticoats.....		12 00	138 00
12 " C. F. " Infants.....		3 00	36 00
1½ " " Shirts .....		5 00	7 50
18 " Muslin " .....		4 00	72 00
7½ " " Chemises.....			80 00

$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Calico Frocks.....@	\$12 00	\$ 6 00
2 " " " Childrens'.....	2 25	4 50
6 " Denim Gowns.....	15 00	90 00
1 " " Short " .....	9 00	9 00
6½ " Handkerchiefs.....	1 50	6 75
2 " Sheets.....	5 25	11 50
1 " Hoods.....	1 50	1 50
3 " Shrouds.....	4 00	12 00
31 " Burlap Aprons.....	1 50	46 50
14 " Pillow Ticks.....	2 00	28 00
1½ " Straw Hats.....	1 25	1 88
2 " Bed Ticks.....	12 00	24 00
¾ " Red Flannel Shirts.....	9 00	6 00
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		\$3,940 48

**STORES.**

34 bbls. Salt Beef,.....	8 33	283 22
4 " " Pork,.....	12 13	48 52
1631 " Flour, .....	5 30	8644 30
16 " Vinegar, .....	3 25	52 00
245 lbs. Brown Sugar,.....	8	19 60
50 " White " .....	10	5 00
413 " Tobacco,....	16½	68 14
4772 " Bread, .....	2	95 44
697 " Tea,.....	31	216 07
100 " Peppers, .....	11	11 00
1452 " Coffee,.....	11½	16 31
178 " Crackers,.....	5	8 90

400	lbs.	Starch .....	@	7	28 00
661	"	Hard Soap, .....		4½	29 74
6½	"	Castile " ?.....		12	75
15	"	Salaeratus,.....		7	1 05
15	"	Snuff,.....		22	3 30
64576	"	Hay,.....		95	618 46
49195	"	Straw,.....		71	344 36
1873	bus.	Potatoes,.....		48	889 04
45	"	Rye, .....		95	42 75
56	"	Beans, .....		1 02	57 12
2674	"	Oats,.....		47	1256 78
145	gall.	Lamp Oil,.....		66	95 70
373	"	Molasses, .....		30	111 90
8	s'ks.	Salt,.....		1 80	14 00
6	bx's.	Farina,.....		4 32	25 62
18	gro.	Matches,.....		65	11 70
176	cwt.	Shorts, .....		1 21	212 96
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\$13217 13					

## STATIONERY.

7	bottles	Black Ink,.....		37	\$2 59
10	galls.	" .....		60	6 00
2½	reams	Foolscap Paper,.....		2 00	5 00
1½	" Note	" .....		2 25	3 39
5000	Envelopes,	.....		1 25	6 87
4	boxes	Wafers,.....		25	1 00
3	"	Steel Pens,.....		75	2 25
9	doz.	Lead Pencils, .....		31	2 79

1 Port Folio,.....	25
100 Quills,.....	1 50
2 p's. India Rubber,.....	12
1 Slate, .....	50
100 " Pencils,.....	25
6 Ink Stands,.....	2 25
57 Sheets Blotting Paper,.....	2 28
6 Memo. Books,.....	1 50
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	\$38 54

**LUMBER.**

7000 ft. Lumber, assorted,.....	30	210 00
6292 " Box Boards, .....	20	125 84
510 " $\frac{1}{2}$ " .....	12	6 12
354 " 2 in. Plank,.....	20	70 80
780 " Joist, .....	11	85 80
1300 " Wall Strips,.....	7	91 00
50 " Hemlock Boards,.....	10	5 00
43 " Hickory Butts,.....	1 50	64 50
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		\$659 06

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

239 tons Cumberland Coal.....@	\$4 75	\$1185 25
605 tubs Charcoal.....	34	205 70
32 bbls. Lime.....	75	24 00
9 " Cement.....	1 19	10 71
224 kegs Powder .....	2 75	616 00
$\frac{3}{4}$ " Blue Black, dry .....		1 75

226	lbs.	Graphite .....	9½	21 47
4½	"	Beeswax.....	12	0 52
10	"	Rotten Stone.....	10	1 00
10	"	Litharge.....	8	0 80
35	"	Sash Cord .....	20	7 00
54	"	Glue.....	10	5 40
55	"	Lampwick .....	20	11 00
10	"	Cotton Twine.....	25	2 50
18	"	Hemp " .....		8 25
60	"	Stone Hammers.....	40	24 00
50	"	Chalk.....	2	1 00
55		Cord Pine Wood .....	4 63	254 65
16	doz.	Brooms, corn.....	2 25	36 00
2	"	birch.....	1 25	2 50
3½	"	Wash-boards .....	3 00	10 50
16½	"	Scrub Brushes.....	2 50	23 75
2	"	Dust " .....	2 25	4 50
1	"	W. W. " .....	12 00	12 00
4	"	Window " .....	3 00	12 00
2	"	Spectacles.....		6 00
9500	feet	Safety Fuse .....	2 50	23 75
15		Wheelbarrows .....	4 00	60 00
4		Handbarrows .....	1 50	6 00
16		Bushel Baskets.....	0 37	5 92
14		Willow " .....	1 00	14 00
24		Coal Hods .....	0 75	18 00
16		Shovels .....	1 00	16 00
11		Rakes .....	0 20	2 20
3		Sneaths.....	0 50	1 50

1	Meat Barrel .....	@	8 00	8 00
1	Oil Can.....		1 00	1 00
19	Hay Forks.....		0 37	7 03
2	Hoes.....		0 37	0 74
1	Coil Manilla Rope.....			29 81
26	Door Matts.....		2 25	58 50
50	Lamp Glasses.....		0 20	10 00
338	Wood Pails.....		0 30	116 40
6	Wash Tubs .....		1 50	9 00
80	Earthen Wash-bowls.....		0 25	20 00
10	Circingles .....		1 00	10 00
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			\$2,869	10

**HARDWARE.**

3	kegs Nails, .....	@	3 25	9 75
2½	gro. Kettle Ears,.....		1 50	3 75
6½	" Sauce Pan Handles,.....		4 50	29 25
27	" Screws,.....		40	10 80
7	" Thimbles,.....		2 25	15 75
5	" Wood Combs,.....		60	3 00
½ doz.	Paint Brushes,.....		5 50	2 75
48	" Table Spoons,.....		43½	21 00
6½	" Papers Carpet Tacks,.....		36	2 34
½	" Brass Knobs,.....			1 00
13	" 3½ in. Butts,.....		38	4 94
14	" 2 in. " .....		30	2 10
½	" H. S. Rasps,.....		4 00	2 00
2	" 14 in. ½ r'd Files,.....		7 50	13 00

1	doz.	9 in. $\frac{1}{2}$ r'd Files .....	@	2	63	2	63
24	"	C and F Combs,.....		1	00	24	00
6	"	Fine " .....		1	40	8	40
1 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	Chest Locks,.....		4	50	6	75
1	"	Bread " .....		6	00	6	00
$\frac{1}{2}$	"	Rollers,.....		1	50	75	
12	lb.	Tin'd Rivets,.....		40		4	80
26	"	Copper Nails, .....		40		10	40
148	pap's	Finishing Nails,.....		8		11	84
219	"	Brads, .....		8		17	52
5	"	Needles,.....		1	50	7	50
5	"	Tin'd Rivets,.....		40		2	80
3	Ketches,.....			37 $\frac{1}{2}$		1	12
2	Hammers, .....			50		1	00
6	Carpenters Rules, .....			25		1	50
6	Chalk Lines,.....					50	
1	Door Latch,.....					50	
1	Guage,.....					50	
4	Razor Strops,.....					1	00
	Shoemaker's Awls,.....					1	00
	Files, assorted.....					5	00
	Sand Paper,.....					1	68
						\$242	44

**TIN WARE.**

20	doz.	Tin Lamps,.....	@	5	00	100	00
5 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	" Dippers,.....		2	25	12	37
$\frac{1}{2}$	"	Dust Pans,.....		2	00	1	00

10	doz.	Wash Basins,.....@	3 25	32 50
1 1/2	"	Measures,.....		3 00
21	"	Tin Cups,.....	6s.	15 75
100	"	Mess Pans,.....	7s. 6d.	93 75
18	12 qt.	Pails.....	6s.	15 75
148		Sauce Pans, assorted, .....	2s. 6d.	46 25
3		House Pails,.....	8s.	3 00
8		Funnels,.....	6s.	75
56		Coffee Kettles,.....	8s.	56 00
3		Boilers, .....	8s.	3 00
1		Oil Pump,.....,	8s.	1 00
76		Dish Pans,.....	4s.	38 00
30		Lamp Feeders,.....	2s. 6d.	9 37
36		Plates,.....	1s.	4 50
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				\$433 74

**FIXTURES.**

1	Copying Press .....	\$4 00
2	Jack Screws .....	80 00
1	Turpentine Can.....	2 00
12	Fire Buckets .....	[12 00
1	Pair Coal Tubs.....	20 00
18	Coal Shovels .....	27 00
1	Set Measures.....	4 50
1	Horse, Cart and Harness .....	260 00
1	Carriage and Harness.....	275 00
1	Sled.....	36 00
1	Clock .....	7 00

2 Desks and Book Racks.....	47 72
1 Refrigerator.....	10 00
2 Coal Hods.....	2 00
9 Scoops .....	2 87
Fire Hose and Pipe.....	60 00
Hoisting Apparatus .....	85 00
Ice Tools.....	9 00
Block and Falls .....	19 63
Stove and Pipe.....	28 00
Scales.....	200 00
Office Chairs .....	9 75
Table .....	5 00
Boxes for Filing Papers.....	2 25
Ewer and Basin .....	0 75
{Directory.....	2 25
Skidds .....	3 25
Water Jar.....	4 00
Room Furniture .....	13 67
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	\$1,227 64
Total amount of Stock .....	24,015 63
Loss on Ice and Potatoes .....	159 83
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	\$24,175 46

JOHN FITCH,

*Storekeeper, B. I.*

**BAKERY.**

There has been consumed in the Bakery the last year:

Wheat Flour.....	11,980 bbls.
Indian Meal.....	47,630 lbs.
Salt.....	112 sacks.

By which has been made and distributed to the different Institutions, 2,980,284 lbs. Bread.

## INVENTORY OF THE BAKERY,

*December 31, 1859.*

## 5 Large Ovens and Furnaces.

## 2 Boilers.

5 Large Wooden Troughs,.....	\$10 00	50 00
2 Small     "       " .....	5 00	10 00
110 Bread Boxes,.....	50	55 00
3 Drawing Peels,.....	1 00	3 00
4 Setting     " .....		4 00
1 Stove and Pipe,.....		10 00
2 Fire Shovels,.....		2 00
2 Flour     " .....		2 00
2 Large Iron Pokers,.....		1 00
2 Swab Poles and Tubs,.....		1 00
6 Bread Boards, .....		3 00
1 Sett Scales and Weights,.....		3 00
2 Iron Dough Slices,.....		1 00
3 Iron Wire Sieves, .....		2 50
1 Adze, .....		50
10 Large Water Tubs,.....		10 00
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		\$158 00

## KITCHEN.

2 Large Boilers with Furnaces,.....	
1     "   Table,.....	10 00
24 Table Knives and Forks,.....	3 50

1 Carving Knife and Fork,.....	1 50
30 Tin Pans,.....	2 00
30 Plates.....	2 50
30 Table Spoons,.....	1 50
2 Pepper Boxes,.....	25
2 Salt " .....	15
1 Tin Coffee Pot, .....	25
2 Tin Quart Measures,.....	25
2 Soup Tureens,.....	1 50
5 Tin Dippers,.....	50
2 " Boilers, .....	1 00
1 Frying Pan,.....	50
3 Tin Sauce Pans,.....	1 00
1 " Kettle,.....	50
1 " Skimmer,.....	10
1 " Strainer, .....	10
1 Large Iron Fork,.....	15
1 " " Spoon,.....	10
30 Wooden Stools,.....	9 00
1 Steel,.....	50
3 Vinegar Bottles,.....	25
13 Tin Cups,.....	65
1 Grid Iron,.....	50
3 Dust Brushes,.....	75
1 Shovel,.....	75
1 Axe,.....	75
1 Bell,.....	1 00
2 Tin Oil Cans,.....	1 00
1 Poker,.....	50

1 pair Tonga, .....	25
8 Tin Lamps,.....	80
1 Wood Saw and Buck,.....	2 00
1 Coal Shovel,.....	1 00
1 Large Ice Box,.....	10 00
1 " Chest,.....	2 00
1 Clock,.....	3 00
1 Chopping Knife,.....	50
1 Molasses Can,.....	50
6 Brooms,.....	1 25
1 Iron Pot,.....	1 00
6 Pie Dishes,.....	60
1 Kitchen Range,.....	12 00
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	\$67 90

**BED-ROOM.**

24 Iron Bedsteads.....	\$3 00	\$72 00
24 Straw Beds .....		6 00
24 Pillow Cases.....		2 40
84 Blankets .....		42 00
17 Plain Covers .....		4 00
32 Sheets.....		8 00
1 Stove and Pipe .....		6 00
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		\$140 40

**OFFICE.**

1 Pine Desk .....	\$5 00
2 " Dressers.....	10 00

1 Arm Chair.....	3 00
1 Small Pine Table.....	1 00
1 Clock.....	1 00
1 Stove and Pipe.....	5 00
1 Large New Year's Cake Print .....	3 00
4 Small     "         " .....	4 00
2 Tin Cutters.....	0 50
2 Rolling Pins.....	0 50
1 Ink Stand.....	0 25
20 Sheet Iron Cake Pans.....	10 00
200 Tin Pans for Cakes.....	20 00
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	\$63 25

Bakehouse .....	158 00
Kitchen .....	67 90
Bedroom.....	140 40
Office .....	63 25
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	\$429 55

ALFRED CHANCELLOR,  
*Baker.*

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umber.	December.	Total.
5 14	\$4,984 45	\$51,339 45
5 94	5,242 38	51,939 65
5 16	3,158 41	36 720 24

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## STORE DEPARTMENT.

RANDALL'S ISLAND.

*January 1st, 1860.*

*To the GOVERNORS of the Alms House:*

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I respectfully present the Report of the Store Department, Randall's Island, for the year 1859, together with the reports of the receipts and distributions, with an inventory of the stock on hand.

Merchandise from the City.....	\$48,406 33
"        " Blackwell's Is'ld..	29,685 25
"        " Bellevue Hospital.	3 60
"        " Randall's Island..	4,351 73
Stock on hand, January 1st, 1859.	7,033 76
	—————\$89,480 67

Distributed, as per monthly returns annexed,  
to the

Nurseries .....	\$42,199 00
Nursery Hospital.....	14,753 22
Farm, Randall's Island.....	17,865 74
City Cemetery.....	1,791 18

Store, Blackwell's Island.....	566 70
Penitentiary.....	91 70
City Prison.....	57 00
Work House.....	1,578 .83
Bellevue Hospital.....	73 00
Office, Rotunda.....	1,188 20
Alms House.....	90 00
Lunatic Asylum.....	15 00
New Boat House.....	785 83
Store, Randall's Island.....	2 27
	<hr/> \$81,057 67
Stock on hand, January 1st, 1860.....	\$8,423 00

J. KEEN,

*Storekeeper.*

**I N V E N T O R Y,**  
**STORE DEPARTMENT, RANDALL'S ISLAND.**

*January 1st, 1860.*

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5 bbls.	Flour.....	\$5 45	\$27 25
19 "	Salt Pork.....	17 18	326 42
17½ "	" Beef.....	6 82	119 34
5 "	Vinegar.....	2 75	13 75
4 sacks	Salt.....	1 48½	5 94
8387 lbs.	Rice .....	3½	293 54
1565 "	Indian Meal.....		30 78
483 "	Coffee.....	14½	71 24
697 "	Crackers.....	4½	33 11
208 "	Cocoa.....	20½	42 64
300 "	Tea.....	34½	104 25
3331 "	Sugar.....	7½	249 82
540 "	Butter.....	25	135 00
74 "	Pepper .....	9	6 66
199 "	Starch .....	7	13 93
5976 "	Soap, Hard.....	4½	268 92
90½ "	" Castile .....	10½	9 48
111½ "	Tobacco .....		20 07
720 gals.	Molasses .....	31	223 20

86	galls.	Lamp Oil.....	67	\$57 62
22	"	Kerosene.....	73	16 06
13	"	Brandy.....	69	34
19½	"	Wine, Port.....	34	77
24	"	" Sherry.....	63	74
36	"	Alcohol.....	21	73
30	"	Whiskey.....	53	67
2004	yds.	Russia Sheetng.....	19	380 76
260	"	Red Flannel.....	28	72 80
421½	"	Canton " .....	10½	45 31
36	"	Linseys.....	6	54
116	yards	Calico.....	8	9 28
1004	"	Bleached Muslin.....	8½	87 85
805½	"	Unbleached " .....	9	72 50
368	"	Twilled " .....	8½	29 28
19½	Pieces	Mosquito Netting.....	81	15 80
81	Pair	Blankets.....		156 35
19	lbs.	Linen Thread.....	95	18 05
17	"	Sewing Cotton.....	43	7 31
21	"	Yarn .....		10 97
25	"	Twine.....	2s.	6 25
3	"	Ball Lamp Wick.....	22	66
8	"	Raw Cotton.....	1s.	1 00
4½	"	Indigo.....	\$1 20	5 40
6½	"	Sash Cord.....		1 82
48	Bed Ticks.....	1		48 00
398	Bolster Cases.....			77 86

525	Pillow Cases.....	15	\$78 75
252	" Ticks.....	1s. 6d.	47 25
755	Boys' Muslin Shirts.....	2s.	188 75
299	" Flannel " .....	4s.	149 50
340	" Summer Jackets.....	3s.	127 50
213	" " Pants.....	3s.	79 88
708	Girls' " Frocks.....	62	438 96
407	" Winter " .....	6s.	305 25
515	" Flannel Petticoats.....	2s.	128 75
231	" Kersey " .....	6s.	173 25
16	Womens' " " .....	8s.	16 00
3	" Denim Frocks.....	10s.	3 75
528	Girls' Muslin Chemises.....	2s.	132 00
918	" Flannel " .....		494 00
7	Mens' Kersey Jackets.....	12s.	10 50
20	" " Vests .....	5s.	12 50
152	" " Caps.....	20	30 40
41	Girls' Calico Hoods.....	15	6 15
47	Pair Boy's Flannel Drawers.....	4s.	23 50
51	Men's Denim Jackets.....	60	30 60
16	Boys' Satinet Caps.....	2s.	4 00
182	Sheets.....	4s.	91 00
7	Satinet Cloaks.....	12s.	10 50
4	Men's Over-coats.....	\$3 00	12 00
25	Boys' Satinet Jackets.....	2 00	50 00
25	Pair Boys' Satinet Pants .....	2 00	50 00
6 dozen	Spool Cotton.....	42	2 52

$3\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Women's Chemises.....	4 00	15 69
20 " Boy's Straw Hats .....		15 60
4 " Men's Muslin Shirts.....	4 00	16 00
$2\frac{1}{2}$ " " Tick " .....	5 00	11 67
9 " Black Binding.....	4s.	4 50
$6\frac{5}{8}$ " Boot Webbing.....	4 00	26 66
$5\frac{9}{10}$ " Fine Combs.....		12 61
$\frac{9}{10}$ " Dressing Combs .....	1 32	99
$2\frac{2}{3}$ " Women's Stockings.....	2 25	4 87
$12\frac{8}{9}$ " Night Gowns.....	3 00	38 00
492 " Children's Hose.....	8s.	492 00
1 " Wash Boards.....		1 75
$1\frac{1}{10}$ " Hair Brushes.....		3 30
$\frac{4}{5}$ " Store " .....	18s.	75
$5\frac{1}{2}$ " Scrub " .....	20s.	13 33
$\frac{1}{2}$ " Windsor " .....	28s.	7 00
1 " Dust " .....	18s.	2 25
$\frac{7}{10}$ " Whitewash Brushes.....	10 00	5 84
$11\frac{1}{2}$ " Corn Brooms.....	2 00	23 33
$\frac{5}{10}$ " Stable " .....		3 33
" " Comb Cleaners.....		1 12
70 great gross Buttons.....	2 00	140 00
8 gross Matches .....	62	4 96
25 gross Shoe Laces.....	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 37
$8\frac{4}{5}$ " Knives and Forks.....		112 50
3 " Lamp Wicks.....	8s.	3 00
$2\frac{1}{2}$ " Thimbles.....	1 50	3 75

5 gross Clothes Pins.....	2s.	1 25
124 pair Mens' Shoes.....	10s.	155 00
60 " Womens' " .....	8s.	60 00
761 " Boys' " .....	6s.	570 75
731 " Girls' " .....	46	336 26
8 Kerosene Lamps.....	8s.	8 00
9625 Needles.....	12s.	14 44
1 Pack Pins.....		1 35
6 Razors .....	3s.	2 25
11 Padlocks.....	40	4 40
6 papers Tacks.....	5	30
9 pair Scissors.....	5s.	5 63
10 " Spectacles.....		2 03
29 Bath Brick.....	4	1 16
10 Water Pails.....	24	2 40
6 doz. Lamp Chimneys.....	8s.	6 00
3 Mops .....		87
736 China Mugs.....	5	36 80
475 " Bowls.....		59 38
441 " Plates.....		39 84
14 Stone Spittoons.....	33½	4 66
4 " Pitchers.....	4s.	2 00
97 Chambers.....		22 59
1 Tin Sauce Pan.....		38
56 " Mess Pans,.....	8	4 48
7 " Dish " .....	5s.	4 38
8 " Cups.....	6	48

18 Tin Pails, 3 gallon.....	10s.	22 50
3 " Dippers .....		1 63
2 " Wash Basins.....		54
9 Lamp Feeders.....	1s. 6d.	1 69
2 Tin Dust Pans.....		63
7 " Funnels.....	2s. 6d.	2 19
2 " Scoops .....	5s.	1 25
4 " Meat Boilers.....	\$3	12 00
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		\$8,423 00

J. KEEN,

*Storekeeper, R. I.*

MONTHLY DISTRIBUTIONS FROM STORE, RANDALL'S ISLAND,  
FOR THE YEAR 1859.

MONTHS.	NURSERIES.	FARM, RAN- DALL'S ISLAND.	CITY HOSPITAL.	CITY HOSPITAL.	WELL'S ISLAND. STORE, BLACK-	PENITENTIARY.	CITY PRISON.	WORK HOUSE.	BIRLBERRY HOSPITAL.	OFFICE HOTELND.	ALMS HOUSE.	LUNATIC ASYLUM.	NEW BOAT HOUSES, RAN- DALL'S ISLAND.	STOLES, RAN- DALL'S ISLAND.	DALE'S, RAN- DALL'S ISLAND.
\$ 42,199 58	\$ 1,020 43	\$1,999 06	\$128 01												
4,476 76	1,032 06	888 44	63 72												
2,888 37	2,013 95	1,627 43	67 12												
3,007 20	1,162 31	1,833 13	140 06												
4,737 57	945 34	1,082 05	129 80												
3,227 35	1,141 75	1,682 30	106 60	154 50											
4,731 46	2,459 04	2,156 45	118 57	101 98											
2,434 93	989 45	1,977 10	99 65	47 97											
2,748 86	1,022 15	1,159 33	370 34	166 24	24 00										
4,179 09	1,673 45	1,174 77	204 07	95 43	11 70	12 00									
2,840 70	1,116 03	1,278 70	176 04	56 60	21 00	21 00									
2,007 14	1,167 26	1,206 38	187 11	.....	18 00	151 64									
\$ 42,199 00	14,753 22	17,865 74	1,791 18	566 70	91 70	57 00	1,578 83	73 00	1,188 20	90 00	15 00	755 83	27		

## W O R K   H O U S E .

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WORK HOUSE OFFICE, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,  
*December 31st, 1859.*

*To the Honorable the Board of  
GOVERNORS of the Alms House:*

GENTLEMEN:—I most respectfully present to your Board the Annual Report of the Work House Department, of which I have been Superintendent since the 16th of May last.

Number on hand January 1st, 1859, includ-  
ing 313 transferred to other Departments,  
was

	Males.	Fem.	Total
	493	747	1240
Number received during the year.....	1780	2940	4720
	2273	3687	5960
" Discharged...1605 2935 4540			
" Died..... 19 14 83 1624 2949 4573			
	Now on register..... 649	738	1387
" Transferred to other Institutions... 82 223 305			
	Remaining in building .... 567	515	1082

Annexed are tabular statements showing the Debit and Credit account, together with the goods manufactured for Store Department, and an inventory of all tools, clothing, goods and articles of every description on hand.

Allow me to suggest some few alterations, in and about the building, that in my estimation would be beneficial. The heating would be much improved by a change of the pipes conveying the steam from under the floors, and running them through the cells instead, warming the building far better, and with a great saving of fuel.

The large rooms in the male hall should be made to correspond with those on the first floor, as many inconveniences arise from confining so many inmates together.

An iron verandah on the east or octagon part of the middle house, opening out from the Governor's Room (a plan for which has been submitted to your Honorable Board,) would add much to the beauty, as well as the convenience of the building.

The building now occupied by the Island Hospital, (if completed,) could, after the removal of the patients, be converted into shops for blacksmiths, tinsmiths, carpenters, shoemakers and tailors, thus doing away with the sheds now in use; also, making room for some 50 more in-

mates in the main building, which, with the ratio of yearly increase, will soon be required.

A building for a Wash and Cook House, disconnected from the main one, would relieve it from many of the annoyances now so often complained of.

The inmates are kept constantly employed, the males in the quarry, grading the grounds, building sea wall, cultivating vegetables, &c., &c., the mechanics at their various trades, manufacturing and repairing articles for this and other Institutions under your charge.

The females on contract of J. D. Phillips & Co., making caps, are profitably employed; those in the sewing room are constantly kept at work making up clothing and re-repairing the same, for Randall's Island, and the balance are engaged in washing, cleaning house, &c., &c.

The daily average number of inmates for the year has been 857.

To the Officers and Matrons I am under many obligations for the faithful performance of their various duties, and their readiness, at all times, to carry out my suggestions for maintaining order and discipline.

The Institution is in good order, the building clean, and

inmates healthy, comfortably clothed and fed ; and for the facilities that enabled me to keep the same in such good condition, I must acknowledge my indebtedness to the Committee, Governors Wm. T. Pinkney, McElroy and Gunther.

Respectfully,

S. M. DREW,

*Superintendent.*

TABLE  
SHOWING THE DEBTOR AND CREDITOR ACCOUNT OF THE WORK SHOULDER, FOR 1859.

Dr.

To amount Inventory, Jan. 1, 1859,	\$26,842 24	By amount Goods made and turned into store.	\$24,731 16
" Requisitions,.....	61,949 65	" J.D. Phillips & Co., con- tract,	1,468 15
" Officers Salaries,.....	18,187 06	" Inventory, Dec. 31, 1859.	26,240 10
" Fresh Beef,.....	10,894 59	By Balance, Net expense,.....	47,618 26
" Milk,.....	180 12		
			<u>\$102,008 66</u>
			<u>\$102,008 66</u>

## TABLE

SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF LABOR AND REPAIRS CHARGED TO  
OTHER DEPARTMENTS, DURING THE YEAR 1859.

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Small Pox Hospital.....	\$953 94
Penitentiary.....	648 30
Storekeeper.....	1,286 18
Island Hospital.....	71 80
Ferry House.....	2,485 86
Randall's Island.....	3,150 29
Island Hospital, Quarry Acc't.....	8,120 17
Alms House.....	109 35
Lunatic Asylum.....	1,483 42
Commissioners of Emigration, for Board, &c.....	8,553 81
Lunatic Asylum, Quarry Acc't.....	<u>1,223 00</u>
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	\$18,086 12

**ACCOUNT OF CLOTHING AND OTHER ARTICLES MANUFACTURED  
AND TURNED INTO STORE DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1859.**

<b>Kersey Jackets . . . . .</b>	<b>1142</b>
"    Pants . . . . .	1497
"    Caps . . . . .	745
"    Mittens . . . . .	406
<b>Satinet Jackets . . . . .</b>	<b>874</b>
"    Pants . . . . .	953
"    Caps . . . . .	861
<b>Cassimere Jackets . . . . .</b>	<b>1253</b>
"    Pants . . . . .	1194
<b>Ticks . . . . .</b>	<b>854</b>
"    Shirts . . . . .	1374
"    Chemises . . . . .	1180
"    Dresses . . . . .	1253
<b>Men's Shoes, Pairs . . . . .</b>	<b>1005</b>
"    Slippers, " . . . . .	92
<b>Women's Shoes, Pairs . . . . .</b>	<b>2616</b>
<b>Children's " " " . . . . .</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Men's Socks, Doz. Pairs . . . . .</b>	<b>263</b>
<b>Women's Stockings, Doz. Pairs . . . . .</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Children's " " " . . . . .</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Shrouds . . . . .</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Aprons . . . . .</b>	<b>560</b>
<b>Kersey Petticoats . . . . .</b>	<b>1147</b>

Boys' Shirts .....	1666
Bolster Cases.....	890
Pillow " .....	800
" Ticks .....	53&
Hoods.....	247
Flannel Shirts.....	537
Flannel Chemises .....	840
Sheets .....	487
Tin Mess-pans, Doz.....	379
" Pails,     " .....	20
" Wash Basins, Doz. ....	3
" Dish Pans,     " .....	26
" Lamps,     " .....	10
" Coffee Kettles, " .....	1
" Cups,     " .....	120
" Dust Pans,     " .....	6
" Watering Pots, " .....	2
" Cans,     " .....	3
Snow Shovels.....	36
Coal Boxes .....	283
Large Coffins.....	1640
Small " .....	881
Tubs.....	47
Wheelbarrows .....	21
Picks and Chains, lbs.....	290
Harness Casks.....	3
Kids.....	29
Boat Cushion Covers, Sets.....	5

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<b>Horse Shoes, Setts.....</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Suspenders, Pairs .....</b>	<b>380</b>
<b>New Derrick.....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Oven Peels .....</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Wooden Pails .....</b>	<b>198</b>

## SUPERINTENDENT OF OUT-DOOR POOR.

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NEW-YORK, January 1st, 1860.

*To the Governors of the Alms-House:*

The Superintendent of Out-Door Poor respectfully presents the accompanying statement and statistics for the year ending December 31, 1859, by which it will appear that 5,046 adults, and 7,812 children have been relieved by donations in money, and 29,515 adults, and 45,477 children with fuel, showing a decrease of 15,678 persons relieved, and a decrease of expenditure of \$24,538 20, as compared with the year 1858.

	1857.	1858.	1859.
Donations, including 12th, 19th, and 22d Wards	\$24,700 25	\$41,834 18	\$28,646 04
Children's nursing.....	10,585 47	12,908 73	11,451 83
Transportation of paupers and children.....	2,479 21	2,448 15	2,460 93
Salaries.....	14,658 69	16,629 67	16,780 66
Coal and wood, including 12th, 19th, and 22d Wards.....	42,687 64	46,020 56	37,746 08
Cartage of fuel, (for 1858, \$7,147 12,) clothing for children at nurse, expenses of office and stables, stationery, &c., &c.....	13,845 49	19,847 29	16,959 79
	\$108,756 75	\$138,583 53	\$114,045 33

In the report for the year 1858, the expenses under the

head "1858" should be for "1856," and "1856" should be for "1858."

The Out-Door Poor Department having in charge the Infants, have provided for during the year, viz.:—

In charge 31st December, 1858.....	199
Received during the Year.....	367
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Total.....	566
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Died.....	266
Delivered to parents and friends .....	67
Adopted .....	51
At Nurse 31st December, 1859.....	182
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Total .....	566

Through this Department, permits were given for the interment of 1,398 bodies, of which 46 were claimed by friends or relatives, and removed to private Cemeteries, the balance, 1,352, were conveyed and interred in the City Cemetery on Ward's Island.

During the year, 1,043 children have been sent to the Nursery Department on Randall's Island, from which place, 494 have been sent out on trial to responsible par-

ties previous to being indentured, 29 have eloped, 57 returned to Randall's Island, 5 discharged to parents and friends, and 115 have been indentured who were on trial, and about 400 are still on trial.

200 children have been taken from Randall's Island and sent west during the year, only a small number have been indentured, but from the reports received we have every reason to believe that they are well disposed of among Farmers, and are happy and contented.

The condition of the Children at Nurse in the City, has been greatly improved, and their Supervision being entrusted to a competent person, whose frequent visits enables her to detect any neglect or want of cleanliness on the part of the Nurses. The difficulties which have heretofore existed in this branch of the Out-Door Poor Department, will be entirely removed, and the best attention given to their comfort and welfare.

Referring to my Report for the year 1858, of the great advantages derived by placing children as far as practicable from the City, I present the following extracts from a communication received from the Rev. Charles C. Townsend, on that subject :

"ORPHAN'S HOME OF INDUSTRY.

"IOWA CITY, IOWA, January 11, 1860.

"Of all that I have taken since 1854, we have lost

none, and with one or two exceptions only, all are doing well.

" Those exceptions, or rather one exception, is that of a girl who was bound to a family in Tipton, Cedar County, some four years since, and has not turned out well. Of the older girls, some are Teachers in our Home Sunday School, and efficient helpers in our enterprise.

" They attend School daily, and the following Report, given by their Teacher, who is my father, an aged man, 74 years of age, but a thorough disciplinarian, will show the progress they are making in School.

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" Of those for whom we have found places in this vicinity, all who have been recently heard from are doing well. Our Children are all learning how to do business, and much of our work is performed by their hands. We shall have them, or such of them as can, write to you.

" The parents and friends of these children, if they enquire after them, will be pleased to learn that they are happy and contented and doing well. We aim and hope to train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, for usefulness here and blessedness hereafter. The two foundlings we received at the Alms House are well, and growing finely. We have two good Nurses. Our

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	Hungary.	Poland.	
Marshall.....	.....	3	
McGrath.....	.....		
Quackinbush .....	.....		
Wilson, Hunt, and Smith..	.....	3	on is l.



number is now about 75, and the care and government of our Home keep me fully employed. If my life is spared, I hope to see you again next summer, and meanwhile hear from you.

“ CHAS. C. TOWNSEND,

“ *Missionary.*”

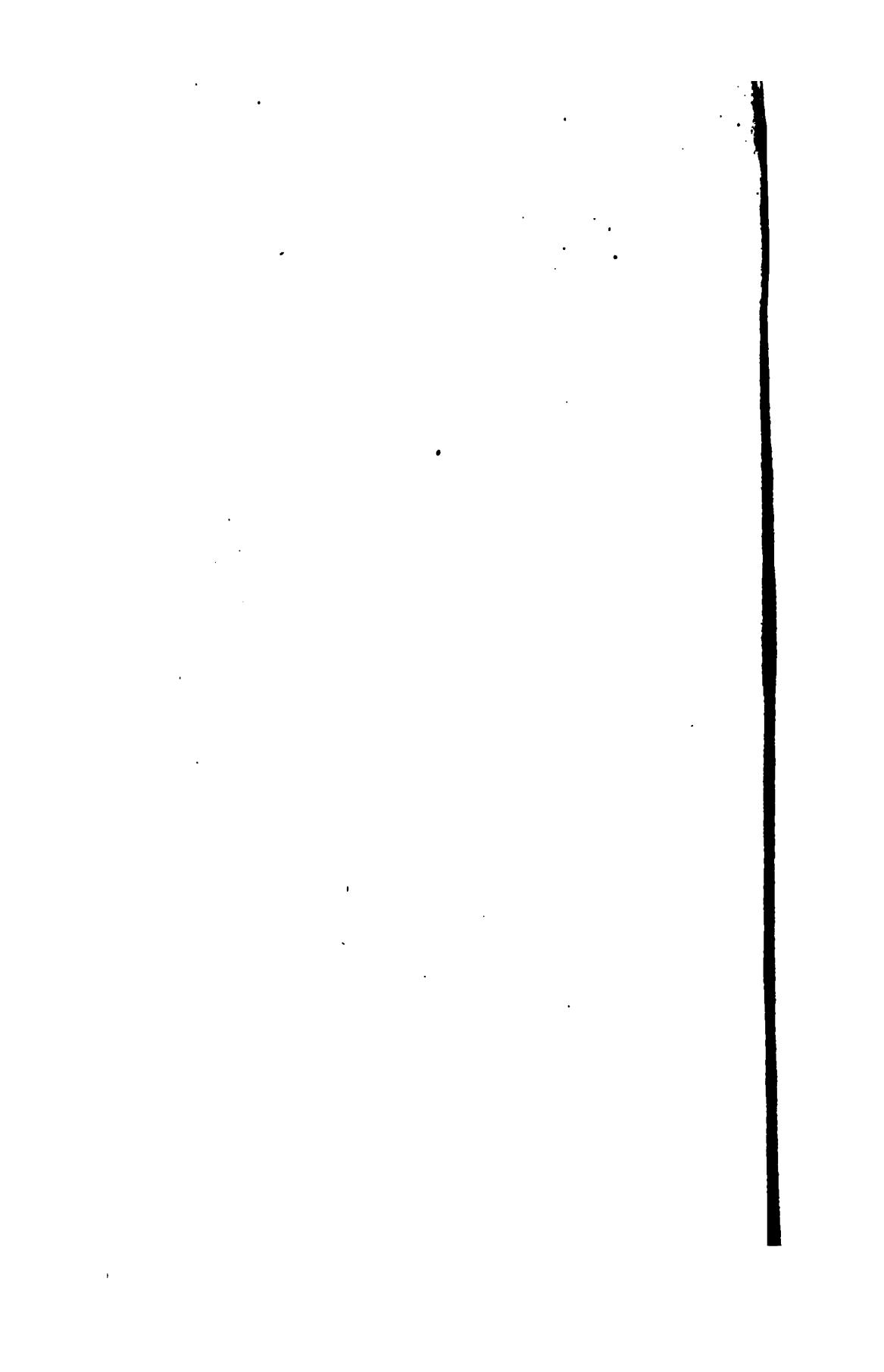
I again respectfully call your attention to the condition of the accommodations provided for the business of this Department; and the want of ventilation and proper facilities for the transaction of its affairs will, I trust, receive your consideration.

Acknowledging the faithful manner in which I have been aided by the Clerks, Visitors and other employees in the discharge of various duties assigned, I trust that the management of the Out-Door Poor Department has met with your approbation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE KELLOCK, JR.,

*Superintendent of Out-Door Poor.*









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